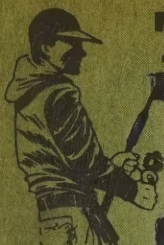


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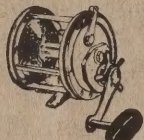


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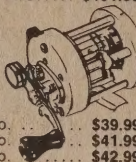
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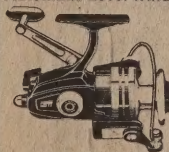


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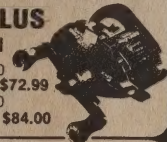
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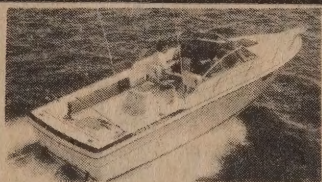
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Those anglers take 750 million annual fishing trips, says the National Wildlife Federation, whose 4.1 million members and supporters include hundreds of thousands of men and women who fish.

Who are all these anglers?

- Some 31 percent are women, according to the NWF.

- About 36 million Americans fish in fresh water. Of those, 63 percent fish in manmade lakes, ponds and reservoirs; 40 percent fish in natural lakes and ponds; and 43 percent fish in rivers and streams.

- About 12 million Americans fish in salt water. Of those, 55 percent fish "surf and shore," 27 percent fish in the deep sea, and 43 percent fish in saltwater sounds, bays and tidal inlets and streams.

About 2 million anglers a year go ice fishing. About 400,000 go spear fishing; 300,000 use a bow and arrow, and 1 million go "gigging" for frogs.

Not only are these millions of anglers having fun, but they're boosting local economies as well. Consider:

- The American men and women who fish spend \$17.3 billion a year on the sport, including almost \$4 billion for food and lodging, \$3 billion for transportation, \$2.5 billion for fishing equipment, \$600 million for licenses and dues, \$528 million for rental and other fees, \$340 million for leasing and ownership fees, and \$6.4 billion for special equipment such as boats and vans.

Despite these figures, not everything on the fishing front is rosy, according to the National Wildlife Federation.

"All of us who enjoy fishing must realize that the sport is threatened by many of our own environmental mistakes," said Jay D. Hair, NWF Executive vice President, citing such problems as water contaminated by toxic wastes, agricultural runoff,

overfishing, and dam construction on fish spawning streams.

"One of the most grave threats is the loss of habitat such as wetlands, which is increasingly critical. Another is acid rain, which is already responsible for fish losses in 212 Adirondack lakes and ponds, and threatens hundreds of other bodies of water across the country," Hair said.

"If we as a nation of anglers wish to continue to enjoy fishing and protect our fishing-related economy, then we must protect, enhance and restore our valuable fishery habitat."

**SAFE BOATING EXPO AT
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In observance of National Safe Boating Week, the Great South Bay Power Squadron, a member unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will sponsor a safe boating exposition to be held on June 3rd, at the Bay Shore Marina from 10AM to 4PM.

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**CONGRESSMAN TOM DOWNEY
ON DRINKING AND BOATING**

Did you know that the second leading cause of transportation-related deaths in the United States today is alcohol abuse by boaters?

That is a shocking fact. Yet, the National Center for Disease Control confirms that from 40 to 70 percent of all boating deaths are related to alcohol use. This estimate is supported by several state-sponsored surveys and by the National Council on Alcoholism.

We know that drunk driving on our highways is a serious national problem. Now, it is becoming clear that drunk boating on our waterways is just as serious a problem.

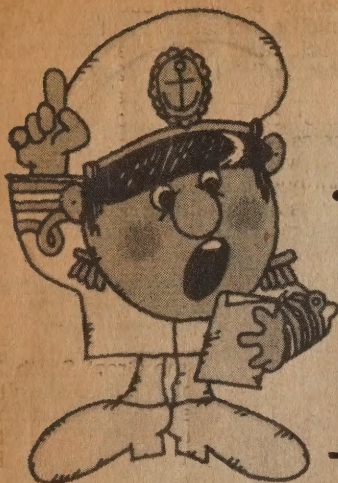
Of course, the vast majority of boaters—like the vast majority of drivers—do not drink to excess. It is the innocent majority that all too often becomes the victim of the irresponsible few.

I support a bill in Congress that would toughen the penalties for drunk boating. The measure would establish sanctions against drunk boating comparable to the penalties which currently exist for gross negligence in the operation of a vessel—up to a year in prison in some cases.

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The entry fee of \$180 per boat will cover a crew of five. This entry fee will also include: Free docking (Friday and Saturday) at the Guy Lombardo Marina; two cans of chum with 25 lbs. of mackerel for each boat; and free use of the Freeport Recreation Center with its two pools, steam room, sauna, etc.

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First, rinse your reel in lukewarm water as soon as you return. The temperature is important: salt is most soluble in lukewarm water. Hold the reel under gently running water and let it rinse all exposed areas. Then dry it with a soft cloth and let the reel stand in the open, uncased, for two or three hours to air-dry thoroughly.

After about every 10 uses, strip the line off and spray the reel entirely with a corrosion-resistant lubricating product such as WD-40 or a similar brand, or look for a product recommended by the reel manufacturer.

If you like to tinker with the inner workings of fine reels, carefully remove your baitcasting reel's side-plates and spool, or remove the side-plate on your spinning reel. Wipe off all visible grease and salt residue before dabbing grease on the main gear and oiling all other moving parts.

Be sure not to over-lubricate. Too much grease attracts grime, which can cause unwanted mechanical abrasion.

Another caution: Don't let oil or grease near the drag system. Fine-

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If you would rather have your reel serviced by an expert, send it to a manufacturer or authorized service center for a complete check.

An investment of a few minutes of your time after each saltwater trip will pay off in trouble-free fishing year after year.

**WINNING CLUBS ANNOUNCED
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Hudson Anglers, with total weight of 7 lbs. 8 oz.; Freeport Tuna Club, total weight of 6 lbs. 12 oz., and Atlantic Rod & Gun Club, with a total weight of 6 lbs. 7 oz.

**LADY REELERS
APRIL HIGHLIGHTS**

Catches for the month of April for the all-women fishing club included:

Maureen Whelan, 2.9 lb. flounder; Donna Pratt, 22.4 lb. pollock, 11 lb. codfish; Lorry Mangan, 2 lb. flounder; Lee Kessler, 2.5 lb. flounder; Carol Jaspers, 6.11 lb. blackfish; Diane Camerlinge, 1.14½ lb. flounder. Jane Kiltzau won the Flounder Derby with a 1.14 lb. flounder.

On May 6th fishing aboard the Brand X, Carol Jaspers caught a 3 lb. 4 oz. flounder at Gardiners Island.

The Lady Reelers Fishing Club meets the first Thursday of each Month. Next meeting June 7th; new members welcome. Meeting is held at BrauHaus Restaurant, Rt. 112, Medford at 7:30.

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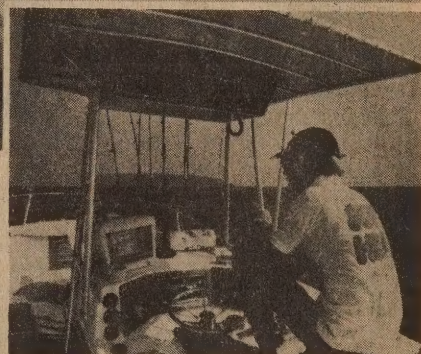
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If I remember correctly, I closed with "I realize that I am in a competitive business and that's why I share the tuna with the party."

My policy is the tuna is sold and the proceeds are split 50-50 with the party. Also, the trip costs \$500 and not \$600.

If Mr. Retacco knows a better deal, he is welcome to call me and I'll explain the fine print in the "better deal." *Captain Gene Kelly.*

WHAT GIVES WITH EDELMAN'S ADS?

Sirs,

In reference to the Edelman's ad in the April 12th issue of *The Fisherman*: What in hell is going on with you people??? This is the second time I have read this bull—by these people, I don't know who writes their copy, if it's you or this Lou Rosado, but for crying out loud guys, stop this advertising. "Edelman's reserves the right to exclude one particular charter boat captain from this offer." I mean this ranks up there with Mr. Rosado's open letter to other tackle dealers of a few weeks ago, which was also in bad taste. He never mentions the personal service and friendship that smaller tackle dealers have with their customers that Edelman's could never even come close to. Are you folks at *The Fisherman* going to allow this type of advertising to continue? I know all businessmen would like to have the most business and make the largest profits, but fishermen are not dummies. Don't give us ads that insult our intelligence. Sure, Edelman's will probably have lower prices on some items, but the smaller stores are not that far behind. I say it's okay for Edelman's to advertise, but don't denigrate others in the process. Most of the other fishermen that have approached me agree with this thinking.

Tell Mr. Rosado to smarten up. He'll kill his business before it starts. *Pete Ames.*

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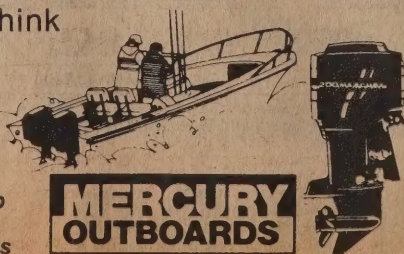
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SAFE OR NOT?

My copy of the LIF, March 29th issue arrived today. Last week's issue and today's mentioned (N.Y. Bight) the good fishing that could be had from the North and South Channel bridges in Jamaica Bay and the open boat Captain Mike having good flounder fishing at the Silver Hole. Three weeks ago, all the N.Y. City papers carried stories about the big illegal oil dumping that had taken place and the cost of a clean-up was going to be \$120 million at the garbage dump bordering Jamaica Bay. They said fish from the Bay should not be eaten because the PCBs were three times above the safety level. Are these fish safe to eat?

Also, as a frequent fisherman at the Lilco plant, I have seen many short bass taken there as well as fish taken prior to the April 16th opening. How about getting a conservation officer down there on a Saturday or Sunday around high water to give out summonses. J. Coombs.

The answer remains the same regardless of how it is asked.

Generally, saltwater fish can be eaten even though they have been swimming in polluted waters. With regard to sewage, the fish can be eaten any time, although sometimes you may find the fish taste a bit strong and oily. However, after such fish have spent a week or so in clean water, that taste goes away. Chemicals are another matter. Where fish are suspected of chemical contamination, i.e., Hudson bass, one can either avoid eating them completely or eat them only occasionally. Let me remind you that almost everything we eat is full of chemicals and some of them are toxic. I think about all the pesticides that are sprayed on our fruits and vegetables, about exterminators' poisons, about PCBs in electrical appliances and newsprint, about the injections cattle get, etc. We can't avoid exposure. Therefore, we should be prudent. I do not think it prudent to dine on Hudson bass every night, but a meal a couple of times a year may be a lot safer. If it bothers you, don't eat any of the fish you catch from the area. Instead go to a fish store and buy a bluefish that may have been caught in the Chesapeake and is loaded with kepone, or a mako, swordfish, or billfish steak that probably has high mercury levels. We can't escape this stuff: it's everywhere.

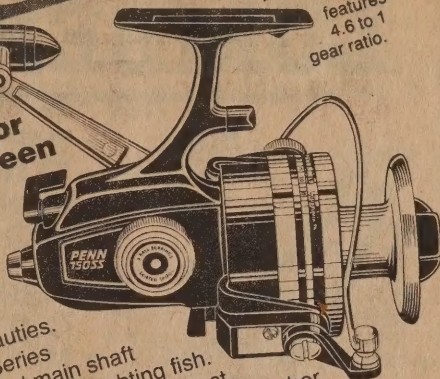
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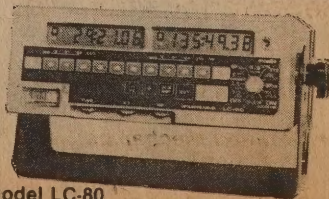
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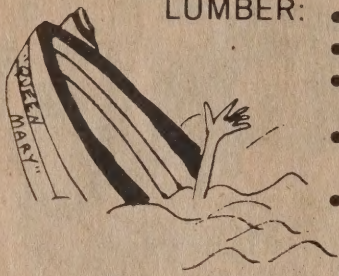
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summonses have been issued by DEC staff in recent weeks. On the other hand, if you see people catching and keeping short fish, you have a legal and moral obligation to report that to the DEC. Call (516) 751-7900. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WHAT A FEELING!

With a new surf fishing season before us, I often look back on the 1983 season and to the fond memories of that year, which seem to grow more precious with each passing day. It was a great year for fish and for fishermen, particularly for the members of those clubs which participated in the New York Surf Fishing Contest.

1983 was an important year for surf fishing on Long Island because it was a year of change. For the first time, a relatively young club known as Gateway Stripers came from last place in 1982 to win the 1983 contest, signalling the emergence of a new force and a new spirit on the surf scene. But more important than any single victory is the fact that it was this same spirit which helped create a new feeling of cooperation among the participating clubs. As a result, on March 31, 1984, the First Annual New York Surf Fishing Awards Dinner was held at the Baron de Kalb Council of the Knights of Columbus in Sheep-shead Bay, Brooklyn and was hosted by Gateway, the 1983 contest winner.

Perhaps the greatest part of the entire affair was being able to see and talk with many fellow fishermen, their wives and guests whom you might otherwise see only on the beach. I will admit though, that it's a bit strange to see a bunch of beach rats in suits and ties. As one fellow surferman told me, "I don't recognize anybody without their waders on!" It was also a great opportunity to meet great surf fishermen you had only heard about, to swap stories, and to meet their saintly wives and girl friends who have the intestinal fortitude to tolerate such maniacs as all surf fishermen are.

This dinner dance was a milestone in the history of surf fishing because it proved that it is possible to coordinate efforts among a group of individuals in order to achieve a particular goal. Hopefully, this will serve as a steppingstone toward greater unification which will force politicians and legislatures to look upon us not merely as a mass of individuals, but as a viable socio-economic force whose interests are tied directly to the economic vitality of Long Island and its natural resources.

Looking out on the crowded dance floor, listening to the band play the theme from the movie *Flashdance*, I couldn't help but echo the words "What a Feeling" in my mind. After virtually a year of planning and hard work by a few dedicated individuals from Gateway, Farragut and OTTO, this night had finally come to pass. All the effort had paid off. The affair kicked off at 8PM with a truly fabulous cocktail hour followed at

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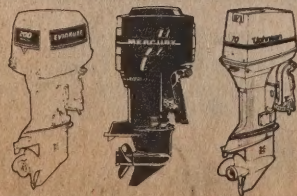
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Gateway Stripers is proud to have been part of this affair, particularly as host. The club would like to thank the following people and organizations for their assistance in making the evening a success: the membership of Gateway, Farragut, OTTO, and High Hill; their wives and their guests in attendance; Gene Levine, Ron Turbin, John Driscoll, Joe Moreno, Dave Williams, and Bob Lekowski of Gateway, Ken Kassan of Farragut, Joe Vetrano and Jim McSorley of OTTO, and Steve Saldana of High Hill for all their time and effort; Johnny's Tackle Shop, Freddy's Bait and Tackle (Montauk), Mike's Tackle Sop (Sheepshead Bay), The Long Island Fisherman, Berkley and Co. and Diamond Feather Lures for their generous donations. Most of all, we wish to thank the Knights of Columbus and the band Personal Touch for making our evening so enjoyable.

For many of you, it was a night to remember. I'm glad I was part of it and hope to see you again next year. In the meantime, good luck, good health, and good fishing! *John Marsillo.*

READERS SUGGESTS WE NEED SALTWATER LICENSE

I was in Virginia recently and look what I found in a local newspaper.

It would appear that logic and common sense are finally overcoming emotion and self-interest. Hooray for Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland! Maybe New York will see the light too, and institute a sensible saltwater fishing license.

I remember years ago when the reader survey voted against this idea and you could not convince them of their error. I supported you then and I still feel that you should try again. I think that education and persistence will prevail. Good luck! Sincerely, *Martin Goldstone.*

The topic of a saltwater license is one that elicits emotional responses—both pro and con.

Yes, we did a reader survey some time back and a majority of readers supported the license. However, when we factored in the industry people's responses, the support fell below 50 percent. There are advantages and disadvantages to a license. The chief

advantages are political clout and a means of improving access and services to fishermen. On the negative side, it is a tax and a new tax at that. Many people feel we won't be able to get anything back for that tax. Funny thing, social values and personal opinions have a way of changing. We don't want to start a war over a license, so like a lot of others, we rest and wait while keeping our ears to the ground for bad rumblings. Rest assured we'll fight with full vigor to defeat a bad license bill. Dr. W.A. Muller.

CLUBS FOR WOMEN

Recently I met a woman who just loves to fish and would like to join a club. I recommended to her the Lady Reelers, only because it is the only one I know of.

If you would be so kind, could you please provide the undersigned with a list of fishing clubs that accept women, with a special emphasis on all women clubs, if any.

Thank you for your time, *Vincent Stempel.*

Dear Vincent,

The Lady Reelers are the only all-women fishing club in the Metropolitan/Long Island area as far as we can tell. A number of the larger clubs include women on their rosters, while most clubs include a family

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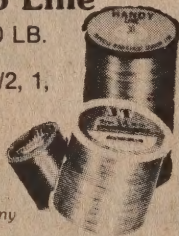
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FLOUNDER HELP?

Dear Sir,

I am a regular reader of The Fisherman. In Vol. 19 on page 18, your article, "Rigging with Worry Beads," by Dick Mermon interested me very much. The part about catching "flounder" with plastic kernel corn and tubing. I've seen flounder rigs in tackle shops with plastic corn, but no tubing. My question is, where can I buy the plastic corn and tubing. And HOW do I put them on?

Looking forward to your reply.
Salvatore Muto.

Corn kernels, beads, spinners, tubing—all of this and much more—are available at most well-outfitted tackle stores. In fact, most sell flounder rigs already made up with an assortment of gadgets. If you can't find this stuff for some reason in local tackle stores, then you can write away to a mail order place such as Midland Tackle in Sloatsburg, N.Y. Dr. W.A. Muller.

ON RELEASING STRIPED BASS

Dear Fred,

It has come to my attention that many bass taken on bait are being released with the idea that they will live. After being hooked so deeply and bleeding, most average fishermen try to remove the hook and do more damage to the fish. Instead, with bronze hooks (Eagle Claw) used, cutting the leader as short as possible before releasing the bass would be bettering the fish's chance of survival. The fish's stomach acids plus saltwater would corrode the hook without harming an undersized and releasable fish. A few places I have been fishing lately (Little Neck, Pelham Bay) I try to make this point to tell as many fishermen I come in contact with. A good four or more years ago a few stories in The Fisherman mentioned this, but it should be mentioned again. I'd say it's overdue.

Al Williams' "Tag-a-Striper" is also a great way we sportsmen can help keep tabs on local bass migration for the DEC too! This spring alone I have tagged 29 bass (to 10 lbs.) in Little Neck and hope to catch one of them again when they're pushing 30 pounds!

So, Mr. Golofaro, please try to educate The Fisherman readers to the proper ways of releasing their catch. It would help all of us in the future.
Vincent P. Badame.

Dear Vince,

I hope your concern for the condition of released stripers, and other fish as well, is contagious. We here at The Fisherman have long echoed similar sentiments.

I would like to point out, though,

that the release method mentioned in your letter appeared in a Fisherman article (How to Release Striped Bass) as recently as the March 29, 1984 No. 13 issue. The topic has received mention at some of our Fisherman Seminars as well.

The obligation we feel to educate our readers in proper release procedures is a strong one. People like yourself are a big asset and help make the job easier. Sincerely, Fred Golofaro.

JERSEYITE LIKES LONG ISLAND FISHING

Had I not been so quick to mail my first letter there would be no need for this one. I have begun to receive my subscription of the LIF and promptly made good use of the information. As a result, this "Jersey" fisherman and a couple of friends plan on returning in a week or two, back to the Mattituck Fishing Station. The prop—a fellow who we know as Charlie—was the most friendly and helpful fellow. And to say his station and fleet of boats were first class would not cover all the kind things I could say about the man, the station, or anything about them. It's a terrific place of which I plan to see more of. Thank you for your time.

Thanks again, Mr. Manfred Matthews.

P.S.—Our club thinks highly of your publication and we ALL enjoyed our day at Mattituck. Guess they've managed to convert me to L.I. fishing!

WHAT ABOUT THIS FISH PORT?

I'm enclosing the article that appears in today's section (Brooklyn) of the "Daily News" about a fish port. I think that we have to take a hard look at what it means to us as recreational fishermen as compared to the commercial interests. The species of fish mentioned as under-utilized by the commercial people are, as we all know, very important to us. The hake they mention I'm sure are the whiting and ling that are so important to the winter fishermen and boat captains. Then again, how about the bluefish? I think there are a lot of questions and answers to be resolved before this fish port becomes operational and I firmly believe that the time to do so is right now.

Yours in fishing, Joseph L. Higgins.
We agree: there are many unanswered questions. Sure, we'd like to see an alternative outlet for Long Island commercial fishermen have too often been at the mercy of a limited and monopolistic marketplace. Often the fishermen earn little, but the price of fish stays high in the store. However, where to put it? Will that inlet need constant dredging, and will that damage the beaches to the east and west? Will dredging accelerate erosion of the barrier beach? Which species will be exploited? What is an under-utilized species? Bluefish may be fairly safe due to the bluefish management plan that we hope will get support and be

implemented, yet there are other species that could be affected. What about water quality at the fish port? Yes, there are many questions. We suggest that rather than make a mad dash to build it, let's study it carefully, and if we decide to build it, then build it with proper safeguards against potential problems. Dr. W.A. Muller.

REF: REVISIONS TO BASS BILL

The critical plight of the striped bass has finally been realized and something done about it. It may be too little, too late, yet a step in the right direction. Now, commercial fishing interests are again attempting to hurt the chances of the striped bass' survival.

We must give the new law a chance, while closely monitoring stocks and not let a few selfish individuals stop us.

I strongly oppose any revisions of the law. Thank you, Roy Bennett

MEMBER OF THE RECENTLY FORMED UNITED FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION SAYS HIS PIECE

Enclosed is some reading material for your staff. I hope you will be able to counter-attack this movement.

The men behind the UFA are greedy and corrupt. They are misleading in their efforts and are seeking to exploit small striped bass for money. Some of them are known never to have respected the 16 inch limit when it was in effect.

I am a member of the UFA and cannot reveal my identity. But I wish to help the striped bass, so I will keep you abreast of any information I obtain.

These men are neurotic, psychotic and potentially dangerous. A lot of money is at stake for them, so their greed is great. Do what you can. Thanks, A Fellow Fisherman.

Your statement is a WOW! Of course, this is your opinion and not ours. We offer it for consideration by our readers. Each person needs to make up their own mind. We have no opinion or comment on your letter, but we would like to comment on the UFA.

The UFA boasts that it has representation from both the commercial and recreational sector. However, investigation reveals that most, if not all, of their recreational members are pin-hookers. Yet, the UFA presents itself as representing the recreational community when many of their hook and line fishermen are selling the fish they catch. Clearly, the possibility exists that the point of view of a hook and liner who does not sell could be very different from the point of view of someone who does sell. They are entitled to their point of view in a free society, so we won't challenge that as they do not challenge ours. However, we do believe accuracy of representation is important so that legislators and officials can understand exactly the partisanship of an organization. Dr. W.A. Muller.

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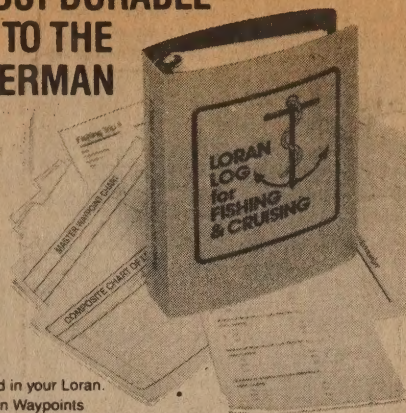
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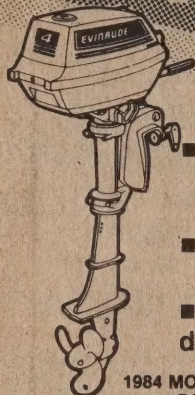
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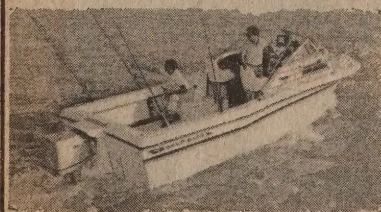
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The five winners of DuPont Stren's Tall Tale Contest were: James Avondolio, David Gaynor, Josh Goldstein, Edward Haring and Marianne Lendino. Edward Haring, an occasional contributor to *The Fisherman*, was selected as the overall winner. His entry, "Saga of the Whistle Fish" (reprinted below), has been forwarded

to contest headquarters where it will compete for the national prize, a three-day, expense paid fishing trip, anywhere in the Continental U.S.

The Fisherman staff extends our congratulations to all of our winners, with a special thanks to the many readers who responded with entries of their own.

SAGA OF THE WHISTLE FISH

Madam Zorina's eyes peered intently into the crystal ball before her, frowned, then looked up at Joe Begley seated across the table. "The great are wise to the ways of the world; cautious, yet not entirely immune to temptation. They continue to thrive while the greedy younger generation plunges headlong toward destruction. Heed what I have told you and you will become a living legend." Joe passed a few crisp bank notes to her, which she carefully stowed away in the hiding place used by Gypsies through the ages. "One final word: Beware of strangers." Joe quipped that he did not know any strangers and left.

En route to his home, he selected a package of frozen smelt at the A&P. Next came a thorough inspection of tackle he would use on the morrow. A memorable day was in store for our hero.

As the late September sun peered over the horizon, it saw an armada of watercraft converging on an area between Breezy Point and the Atlantic Highlands. The boats ranged from small skiffs to the latest luxury party boats. Conspicuous among them was the venerable old "Nellie Lee." Built in another era of sturdy oak planking, she was definitely designed for comfort rather than speed. She was affectionately dubbed the "floating watermelon," because Captain Eddie elected to have her painted any color as long as it was green. Experienced fishermen flocked to her like teenagers to a current rock star.

The surface of the sea was calm, but beneath a frantic struggle for existence was raging. Countless thousands of bluefish were gorging themselves on millions of hapless

sand eels. Now it was man's turn to harvest the fightingest predator that ever flicked a caudal fin.

Joe positioned himself in his favorite spot—the Nellie Lee's bow. Next to him was a slightly built young man, an obvious tyro at the sport. Joe immediately offered to assist in the proper rigging while explaining the finer points of the sport. Before they cleared the jetty anyone would have taken them for lifelong fishing buddies. Joe elaborated on his adventures of piloting a subway through a maze of tunnels between the Bronx and Coney Island. His days off found him at the rail of a fishing boat, regardless of the seasons. Elmer envied him and ruefully said that in show business one seldom had the opportunity to go fishing. Even today he would have to rush off to catch a Greyhound bus for tomorrow's matinee in Binghamton.

The engines idled, stopped, and one toot of the whistle sent lines toward the bottom. Elmer's bait had not sunk a dozen feet before it was inhaled by a blue greatly enraged at having made such an error. A comedy of errors followed. Neither of the combatants did what they should have done. Finally, Ham, the grizzled veteran mate, deftly netted the fish—and a dozen or so lines with it. It was too nice a day for anyone to become irritated and eventually all lines were back in the water. On dropping the hefty ten pounder into the bucket Ham said, "That could be worth the \$80 in the pool. Very few fish in this school have gone over eight pounds." "First fish seldom win; it's the whistle fish that bring home the bacon," said Joe, smiling to

himself cryptically.

Ham was darting around like a fishing chicken netting a never-ending pick of fish. Joe did very well, returning all but the most seriously injured. Elmer kept tinkering with the star drag and lost all but two that proved to be as dumb as the first. As predicted, the size ran between six and eight pounds.

With an estimated half-hour of fishing time remaining, Joe began to re-rig his outfit—heavier leader, larger hook and a two ounce sliding sinker in place of the split shot. He removed two smelt from the cooler, carefully hooking one on Elmer's outfit and even more carefully on his own. Elmer soon found a taker and while the commotion was going on, Joe wrapped his baited hook in a paper bag, twisted the top tightly and eased it toward the bottom. Now he gave a series of sharp tugs to free his Secret Weapon from the bag.

"Now for the whistle fish," he mused and began humming "Gypsy Fiddles." Hardly reaching the third bar he was all but catapulted over the rail. The stout rod bent double, the reel screamed as if in agony as line peeled off at an alarming rate. Joe hung on, valiantly circling the boat, bobbing and weaving, stumbling over buckets and fishermen alike. Opinions flew—stray tuna, shark, big albacore and then to silence all speculation, a huge bluefish soared skyward, hung in the air as if to drip dry, then plunged back to continue the fray. Only half of it fit into Ham's huge scoop but finally, it was decked. Jubilantly Joe held his prize aloft for all to see. "At least 35 pounds. It has to be a world record. Once again, the whistle fish takes the green stuff."

Joe bent over to remove the hook as Elmer and Ham looked on. The fish's fierce yellow eyes fixed themselves on his captor. "Enough grandstand play, already. Remove the hook very carefully and return me to my station. Step smartly; I am Secret Agent QX-19 on anti-submarine duty."

Three faces paled, eyes bulged and jaws sagged. Joe stammered, "Pardon me, G'vner, I thought you were a fish." Gingerly he removed the hook, doffed his cap and returned QX-19 to the water. Before plunging to the depths with a flick of his powerful tail, he said, "Thanks, fella. I shall mention you to Ron and Nancy."

The return trip was made in awesome silence. Elmer collected the pool, tipped Ham a five spot and invested five more on beers. Pocketing the rest, he raced off to catch his bus.

Captain Eddie came down from the pilot house once the lines were secured. "Where is your friend, Joe? I am dying to meet him. Caught his act on the tube the other night. Darned if he isn't the best ventriloquist since Edgar Bergen."

Tears began to roll down Joe's cheeks as he recalled Madam Zorina's final admonition.

Edward J. Haring.

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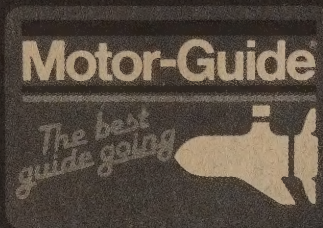
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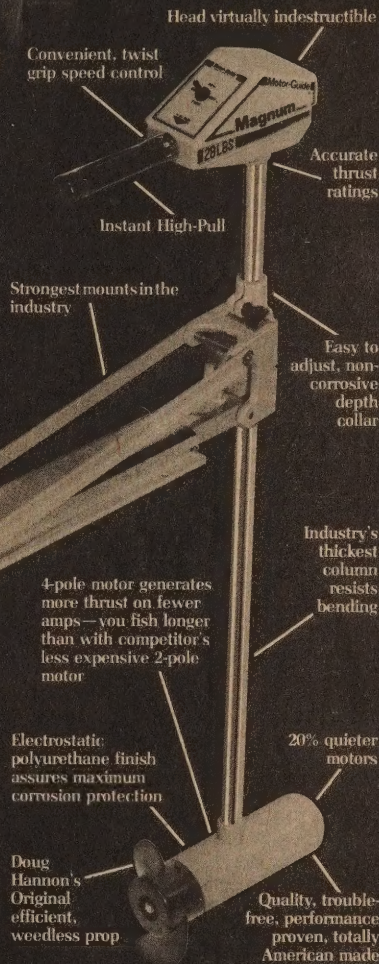
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AROUND STATEN ISLAND

by Rich Giessuebel

Staten Island affords New Jersey and Metropolitan area anglers numerous angling opportunities.

Nestled between New Jersey and Long Island, is a piece of real estate known as Staten Island. Readily accessible to Garden State and Metropolitan area anglers alike, the Island offers some excellent fishing possibilities.

This year, look for excellent flounder fishing to last well on into May and early June. Flatties can be caught from Crookes Point at the Gateway National Recreational Areas. Passes must be obtained prior to driving out to the point and they are gained at the Park's Offices located on Hylan Blvd. Once at the point, there are bulkheads and beach available to the worm dunkers.

Further south, flounder are caught from Huguenot Beach to Tottenville. Anywhere you can drive out to the beach and see dead pilings in the water is a potential flattie haven. The reason for this is quite simple. The pilings harbor crustacean such as barnacles. The barnacles gather weeds and dirt. In this conglomeration of material, worms and shrimp thrive. Not too far off, the flounder feed upon this thriving community.

Using the pilings like a chum pot, it is best to fish down current of them whenever and wherever possible. Since the flounder wait for the moving tide, position yourself about an hour after the change of tides, and you should be able to catch these tasty fish.

Not to be overlooked is the area of Stapleton in the north. Here, for years you have been able to fish for flounder well into June off the old piers that stretch out into the Narrows above the Verrazano Bridge. Same strategy holds true here. Fish with the current, so that the material washed off the pilings acts as chum and increases the effectiveness of your offerings.

As the seasons progress, other species become available. Arriving along with the flounder are Hudson River stripers. Always available in good numbers, the stripers will take baits intended for flounder. This is true, especially in Stapleton and Tottenville. The stripers feed upon shrimp and worms, so when you set up for flounder, you are also making your baits visible to striped bass.

Besides the worms and shrimp, the bass feed upon small fish. Therefore, plugs such as the Rebel or Rapala in sizes of 9 to 11 are very effective. Fished in the lee of the pier, the lures will look like small fish feeding upon



John Giessuebel with a pair of Staten Island stripers caught at Tottenville.

the aforementioned foods and they will be easy targets for the stripers.

Now, enter the boatmen! Should you want to trailer your boat to the island to get in on this type of fishery, the two places where you can put into the bay are located from Great Kills Park south. The first location is found by going south on Hylan Blvd. to Great Kills Harbor. Follow the Staten Island Bait & Tackle signs or turn left on Cleveland Avenue. Once at the

water, a block away, you make a right and go out to an old trailer. You will see the boat launch right there. Should no one be around, launch and pay upon return. I have never seen the ramp closed off.

Staten Island Bait and Tackle has all the bait and tackle you will require. However, you better check their opening times. Last year, while fluke fishing, we would start slightly later than we wanted to simply because

this store opened a little later.

The other boat launch is accessible to the southern end of the island fisherman. Simply drive into Seguin Point. Cross the first bridge you come to and make a right over the second bridge. At the end of this road is a bar and bridge. The boat launch is right there. Names can't help you. But, since the island is so convenient, ride over and spend some time looking into these places.

Soon after the flounder start to hit, along come the blackfish. Taken all day long, the blackfish like the rocks. Therefore, look for them at the end of jetties, or very near channel markers. All the better channel markers will have boats tied up to them, while the anglers will be dropping down worms and crabs for the ever-present and eager blackfish to bite.

Once late May and June arrive, so do the bluefish. Big slammers take up residence under the Verrazano Bridge. Bunker dunkers fish for these big blues from Stapleton to Tottenville, but the most heavily fished area is right under the bridge, because there are usually giant stripers there too!

As June winds on, fluke become the main course on the fishermen's menu. Caught from the beach and boat alike, you might be able to catch over 50 fluke a day from either location. For surf casters, try fishing the sand beaches from the tip of New Dorp Avenue north as far as you can go. Best baits are killies and squid, but for my money, give me a Mister Twister 3/8 ounce, white marabou bucktail and a killie combination. Just cast out and twitch the offering back to you and hang on! Fluke smash this combination.

Not to be overlooked, the island is home to many party and charter boats. Party boats have for years sailed out of Great Kills Bay, while the charter boat captains have an association that can be reached through the Staten Island Bait and Tackle Shop.

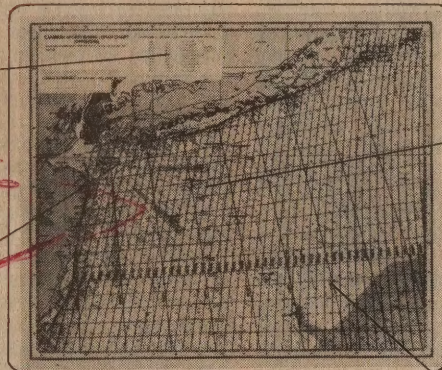
These guys fish for everything from flounder to tuna and shark. Obviously, the flounder are caught locally, while the other two species are taken out by the Mud Hole. However, it is easy for these guys to have you into bluefish or weakfish only minutes from the dock. Charters are reasonable and if you are prone to getting seasick on the open sea, these captains can fish places where you can always see land and usually on three sides of you. So, there are many reasons to give Staten Island some attention this year.

As fall rolls on, big bass roam the shoreline and slammer blues up to and over 15 pounds are caught daily. Now, with all of this right in your own backyard, in some cases under half an hour away, why drive all the way down to the Jersey shore where you don't only have to fight traffic, but at best you will have to contend with over an hour's drive. The choice is rather simple! Fish Staten Island!

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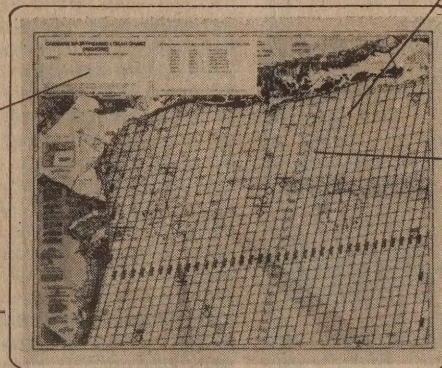
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ARMING WITH TREBLES

by Larry Dos Santos

Although single hooks have replaced treble hooks on tins and diamond jigs, treble hooks have endured on popping, swimming and trolling plugs. Fortunately, most plugs designed for saltwater use come equipped with first quality treble hooks. While these trebles adequately handle our inshore game fish, sooner or later, they will have to be replaced. The consequences of failing to replace corroded treble hooks are quite obvious (although many of us will not admit to how we learned the obvious). Replacing treble hooks on plugs is not a difficult task. However, failing to consider aspects of strength, point type, shank length and eye type can create problems.

The first time I replaced the treble hooks on my plugs, I failed to pay attention to these aspects and I concerned myself only with obtaining the proper sizes. Rather than bore you (and embarrass myself) with the details, let me just say a particularly frustrating plugging exploit made me realize the need for a greater understanding of treble hooks.

After obtaining a copy of a Mustad and an Eagle Claw catalog, I zeroed in on their treble hooks. I was amazed by the many treble hooks each offered. Further research was necessary to understand the different features of these many treble hooks. Through additional reading, picking the brains of veteran anglers and some trial and error, my knowledge began to expand. While learning is an ongoing process, I would like to share with you what I have found thus far.

Strength is a critical aspect to consider when selecting replacement treble hooks for saltwater plugs. Since maximum strength treble hooks are usually the standard on these plugs,

their replacements should be of equal strength. The use of weaker treble hooks creates problems of penetration and holding power. Even small stripers, blues and weaks can exert enough leverage to bend or break inferior strength treble hooks. The heavier the tackle you use the more critical is the need for maximum strength treble hooks (especially when trolling plugs with wire line).

When researching the aspect of strength, I learned a very important fact: there is no standard of measurement within the hook manufacturing industry to measure strength. Each individual manufacturer uses his own standard of measurement to denote strength. Mustad rates the strength of their treble hooks with the designations X, 2X and 3X, while Eagle Claw uses the designations 2X, 3X and 4X. Since the larger the number next to the X the greater the strength of the treble hook, it would be logical to assume that the Eagle Claw 4X would be stronger than the Mustad 3X. However, the X designation only indicates how the gauge wire of one treble hook relates to another treble hook within the same family of treble hooks. A manufacturer's designation of treble hook strength is not a comparison of strength to those of other manufacturers and the X designations only relate to a manufacturer's own family of treble hooks. Some lesser known manufacturers use designations such as heavy duty and extra heavy duty to indicate strength, which supports the lack of a standard of measurement within the industry. The only real way to determine the strength of one over the other would be to measure the wire diameter of each. Tempering of the wire and forging of the bend of each

hook of a treble also contributes to the over-all strength of a treble hook. Although I do not have the technical expertise or equipment to measure these features, my own practical experience has proven (at least to me) both the Mustad 3X and the Eagle Claw 4X to be more than adequate to grapple with our inshore game fish.

No less important to the functioning of a treble hook is its point. Many times a plug's treble hooks will have to penetrate the outside areas of a fish's mouth. The point will have to pass through a gauntlet of scales, flesh and many times, cartilage before achieving penetration. Mustad offers only one point on their treble hooks, which they call a "superior point" (sometimes referred to by others as a spear point). Eagle Claw makes two point types, straight and curved, both of which are "hollow ground." Mustad's superior is the hardier of the three but requires a bit more force to achieve penetration. Both Eagle Claw points are thinner and have smaller barbs in comparison to the superior point. Deep penetration is the greatest asset of the straight point. The curved point does not penetrate as fast or as deep as the straight point. However, once it penetrates, it is the hardest for a fish to dislodge. The thinness of both these points make them more prone to bending when attempting to penetrate hard areas of a fish's mouth.

I do not find the difference between the three points to be extreme. I see it as more a matter of trade-offs. While each manufacturer and point type have their own loyal disciples, I suggest you give each a fair shot and determine which you feel the most confident with.

While not as critical to a treble hook's performance, its finish is an important consideration. Bronze treble hooks are more suited for freshwater fishing and will not last long if used in the briny. Gold and nickel-plated trebles will endure longer, but cadmium and tinned trebles resist the corrosive effects of saltwater the best. Both Eagle Claw and Mustad offer their strongest models with this durable finish.

Until this year, Eagle Claw offered a stainless steel treble hook. While these trebles are expensive, they are virtually indestructible. If a fish has the misfortune of keeping a plug equipped with these, he is in for a life of misery (and probably a short one). Each angler must make his or her own "cost benefit analysis," including the cost to the fish, before deciding on

MUSTAD—

- A) #3561E, 3X, sizes: 8/0—12
- B) #7794B, 3X, short shank, sizes: 6/0—10
- C) #35504, 3X, open eye bent to side, sizes: 7/0—14
- D) #35517, 3X, open straight eye, sizes: 7/0—8

EAGLE CLAW—

- E) #1143CAT, 4X, curved point, short shank, size: 2
- F) #777CAT, 4X, straight point, sizes: 5/0—8

All models listed are cadmium plated and tinned.

their use.

A plug's design for attaching its treble hooks will affect the choice of eye type and/or shank length. Plugs having thru-wire construction utilize swivels to attach their treble hooks, while others use fixed devices with or without the addition of split rings.

Not compromising on the strength of replacement trebles can affect the selection of point type, eye type and shank length. The chart provided includes only those models offered by Mustad in 3X and Eagle Claw in 4X.

Atom, Danny, Super Strike and Stan Gibbs (except the darter and regular popper) are examples of plug manufacturers using thru-wire construction. Swivels suspend from the wire through holes on the underside of these plugs. Not only do the swivels provide for treble hook attachment, but they also greatly reduce the leverage a fish can place on a treble hook. Mustad open eye trebles (C,D) are the usual standard on these plugs and are the most logical replacement choice. These open eye trebles have received a special tempering to prevent them from breaking when closed onto a plug. In case you have any fears, the eye will not open or break during a battle with a fish (unless it has been re-opened and closed again).

Although I thought that I had seen them on some of these plugs, Eagle Claw's catalog does not include an open eye model. (Possibly they are only made available to plug manufacturers.) Attempting to create an open eye treble from a closed one will result in the eye breaking, usually at the most inopportune time.

The wire running through these plugs is bent at the rear forming a stationary eye to accept a tail treble. Many anglers opt for a single dressed hook. Attaching the single hook via a split ring greatly reduces the leverage a fish can place at this end of the plug. If you still prefer a treble hook, a split ring is still a good idea.

The Stan Gibbs darter and plugs made by Mirro Lure and Goo Goo Eyes use screw eyes to attach their treble hooks. Again, Mustad open eye trebles are a good choice, but another option is possible. Closed eye models (A,B,E,F) can be attached with split rings. The short shank models (B,E) are a better alternative on three treble models. Their shorter shanks decrease the chances of the two body trebles attaching to each other. Unfortunately, the Eagle Claw model is only offered in a size #2, presenting obvious limitations. The single hook and split ring are also good options on these plugs.

More options for treble hook attachment are possible on plugs designed with fixed eyes and split rings. The majority of the minnow-type swimmers and popping plugs made by Cordell and Rebel utilize this method for attaching their treble hooks. With only some minor adjustments necessary, all the models listed in the chart can be used as replace-

ments.

The short shank models (B and D) can be used on all of these plugs without any need for adjustments. The Eagle Claw model is again only useful on plugs requiring a #2 treble. However, most 5½ inch minnow-type swimmers require a #2 short shank treble.

Except for those minnow-type swimmers having three trebles, models A, C, D and F can be used on poppers and minnow swimmers equipped with split rings. Since most three treble minnow swimmers are designed for the use of short shank trebles, replacing them with the longer shank models causes two of the trebles to tangle with each other. I found this problem to be common with 4½" and 5½" Redfins, 5½" Rebels and 5½" Hellcats equipped with three trebles. Since most strippers and weaks attack a plug toward the front and blues from the rear, removing the middle treble does not decrease hook-ups. Nor does its removal have any adverse effect on the action of these plugs. Many anglers, who release the majority of the fish they catch, prefer to delete middle trebles regardless of the type trebles they favor. One less treble does less damage to a fish and makes for quicker removal of the plug from the fish. While many anglers opt for single hooks on popping plugs equipped with split rings, most stick with trebles on the rear of the minnow-type swimmers.

Although the winter months provide a good opportunity to check over all your plugs, they also should be checked prior to each trip to the boat or beach. Be sure to sharpen all hooks, both new and old.

Buying treble hooks by the box will be cheaper in the long run and will prevent frantic last minute dashes to the local tackle shop. Depending on the selection of plugs that you have amassed, sizes can range from #6 to 4/0. If you are not sure of the sizes you need, take at least one treble with you for each size or model plug needing replacements. Tail hooks on trolling plugs, poppers and certain large swimmers are a blessing when Mr. Bluefish is on the feed. Siwash and short shank O'Shaughnessy hooks in sizes ranging from 3/0 to 7/0 are good replacement choices. Any split rings utilized should be of the heavy duty stainless steel type. Remember to consider a plug's design for attaching trebles before purchasing its replacements. Do not be lured by the cheaper price of the weaker treble hooks produced by both Eagle Claw and Mustad. Use the model numbers in the chart to ensure getting the maximum strength models needed.

Unfortunately, there is a disadvantage to having sharp, corrosion free and maximum strength treble hooks on your plugs. You cannot blame them for the loss of that big one. However, feel free (as I do) to blame anything else under the sun or moon.

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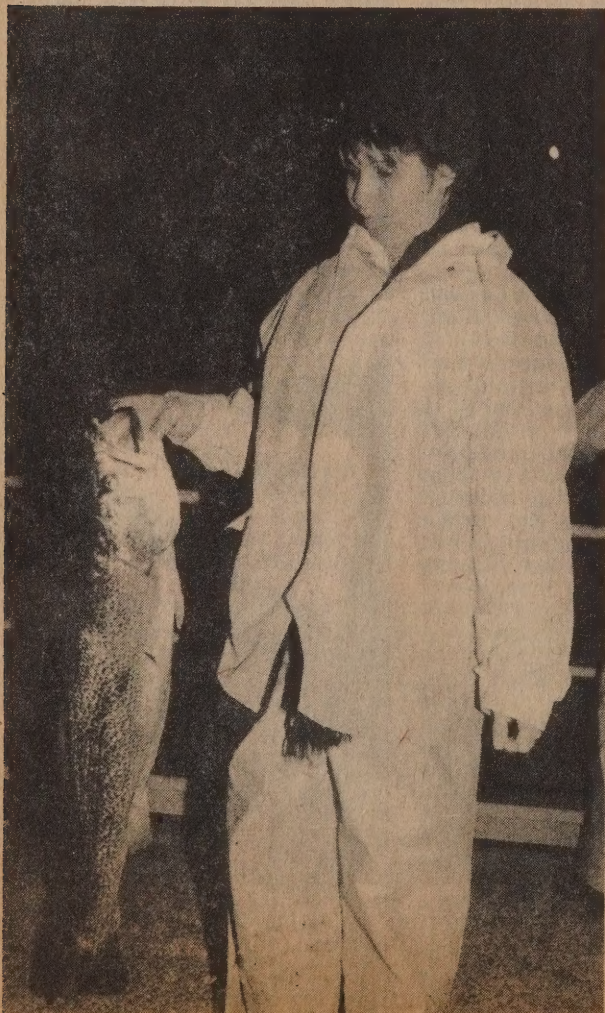
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It's twilight now as the big boat sets her anchor and a hundred eyes scan the dark sea from the rails. The generators are cranked up and "oohs" and "ahs" are heard everywhere as powerful arcs brighten the green water and draw creatures of the deep to the surface. Is this a scene from "Love Boat" in the South Seas? Perhaps a cruise ship setting up for a night's entertainment somewhere in the Caribbean? Not at all. It's George Porter's Brand X anchored up for an evening of sport fishing on Peconic Bay.

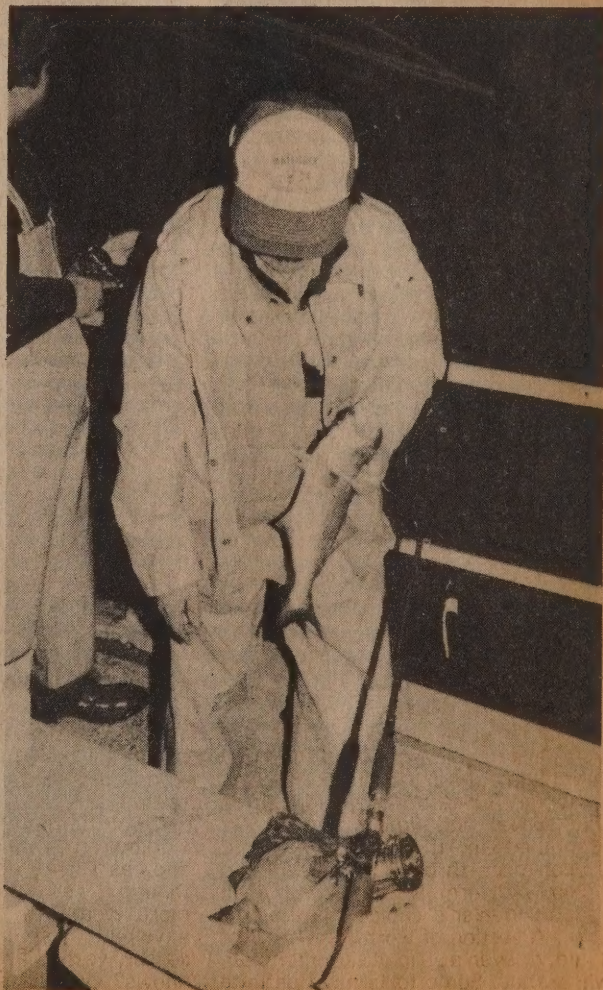
On any given weekend night between the middle of May and the first week of June, charter and open boats from Greenport and Sag Harbor schedule evening trips on Peconic Bay from about 7PM to midnight. Those who climb aboard are often surprised by some of the most torrid action of the spring season. Bluefish are the principal quarry now that weakfish have dwindled, and the numbers of early season blues in the one to four pound class that are taken by anglers aboard the night packets are staggering. To tell the truth, the take is only

limited by how many blues in that "shot" size each angler wants to fillet and take home. During several runs just before Memorial Day last year, catches of 10 blues per person were so quickly obtained that knots of anglers would drift away from the rails to doze or kibitz just to take a break from the action!

Lights that draw squid and baitfish draw stacks of predators in turn. Among the blues is a smattering of weakfish, not quite insignificant in numbers compared with the runs of three or more years ago when weaks



Small blues make up the bulk of the bag during these nocturnal trips.



Tiderunner weaks like this 13 pounder taken by Debbie Willig aboard the "Brand X," often settle the pool.

would actually dominate the catch. The very highest number of weakfish on a single night last year was 50 for a full boatload of fares, some 40-60 anglers. Among a catch of some 350 bluefish on a night late in May we counted only 10 weakfish, but two of them were herculean tiderunners. The pool fish that night was a giant that went 12¾ pounds on pocket scales which read somewhat low.

Weakfish and blues aren't the only fish, of course. Below the surface predators, picking up bits and pieces drifting down from the carnage above, are big bat-winged sea robins and porgies that range from mediums to 2 pound jumbos. In other words, fishermen who like variety in the catch can stock a freezer for plenty of chowder in the coming months.

Richie Jensen, Greenport's Mister Weakfish, who skips the Nancy Ann and often runs the Brand X on night cruises, gave us some background. "It all began when I was on the Wilhelric 12 or 13 years ago. George Porter (head captain of the big party boat Brand X) and myself started about the same time. There were a lot of blues then, too, but the weakfish were incredible. It was a question of catching all you wanted!"

Tackle for this type of fishing is not complicated. Any sturdy spinner or light conventional outfit spooled with 6-12 pound test line is all right, although conventional is somewhat better because of its thumb control. After you have bagged your share of fish, if you can get away from the clusters near the stern, you might even want to try some lighter gear. After all, these blues may be feisty, but slammers they're not, and lighter tackle actually gives you an advantage in handling the occasional tiderunner that changes directions and requires only a little coaxing to turn its head. Light tackle also tends to prevent hooks from tearing free, a common problem when stiff rods and hawsers are employed on large weakfish.

The bitter end of the line is tied to a Peconic hi-lo rig, in most cases with a size #1 to #4 low hook on a short 12 inch leader tied above the sinker and the #1 to 2/0 high hook on a 36 inch leader some three feet above the low hook. Although the low hook may be looped onto a dropper, it's much wiser to use a small three-way swivel for the high hook and to employ 20 or 30 pound test leader material between the sinker and that swivel to prevent incredible twists. For the same reason if you are fishing light, thin line, you might add a three foot shock tippet of leader material between the three way swivel and your line, too. A triangular 6 to 9 inch pennant of squid hooked once through its base, or a whole sandworm, adorn the high hook and it's dealer's choice for the low hook. A section of worm, a morsel of squid, or even a strip of skimmer clam will suffice. Some folks have definite ideas about squid-and-sandworm combinations, and, in those dear old days when tiderunners were abund-

ant, sharpies often fished squid heads plus innards on the upper hook in order to attract some of the very largest weakfish with a personal minichum slick.

Because you'll be swinging small fish aboard from time to time and because party packets have high rails, ultralight specialists add another 10 feet or so of 12 to 15 pound test mono as a tip for their gossamers. Another tip is to wait patiently for the net for any fish you really want. First-timers on these party craft often make the fatal mistake of getting overly excited and horsing weakfish topside or even trying to swing them aboard. If the silk-mouthed sea trout has any heft at all, it will tear free and the boat can chalk up another frustrating "Palm Beach release."

On many modern glass or graphite sticks, the difference between the typical bluefish bite, a sharp, chopping bite, and the tugging or light nip or bump of the occasional weakfish should be noticeable. Unless you like baits chopped in half or you want throat-hooked choppers to sever dropper leaders, you tighten at once on the blues. The weakfish are best allowed to munch for a few seconds and to take a few yards of line in order to ensure a solid hookup.

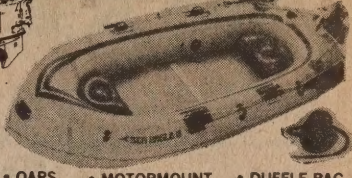
Because sinker weights are only 1 to 2 ounces and the amounts of line paid out are relatively little, some anglers may elect to simplify the rig by merely using a couple of shots or a small drail and a long-leadered single hook. If the fish are near the surface, this rig is far less trouble to handle because it's nearly tangle-free. Incidentally, we caught all the blues we wanted on a trip last year with a squid-tipped 3/4 ounce white bucktail, and you can't get anything simpler than that. We did tie a few inches of 30 pound test leader onto the jig to fend off needle-sharp teeth, however, and the lure did lose most of its hair after a half dozen fish.

Look for this season's ads in The Fisherman for sailing times and dates of night fishing trips. The Brand X from Greenport and the Wilhelric from Sag Harbor made the scene regularly last year on weekends between May 15 and about June 8. Artie Lach, captain of the Wilhelric, set up day-night package trips as well. In the past, overflow crowds in Greenport have been accommodated by the Peconic Star. Art White who runs the charter service there figures that the same party boats plus a few charters like Richie Jensen's Nancy Ann will get in on the action this season.

If you do go, come prepared for a workout on those early season blues, and, as Richie Jensen says, "Even though it's slow on weakfish, we catch more weakfish at night than anyone anywhere else. Some nights last season we did have 50. This year, who knows? We had a lot of little weakfish last summer, and maybe a few more big ones will be found here this year!"



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WORMING WITH A TWIST

by Bill Stamatis

North Shore striper sharpies employ a unique hook design when worming for bass.

It was 4AM on a mid-June weekend. Warren's Tackle Center had been opened for an hour. Ed Kopack and I still hadn't finished a cup of coffee when two headlight beams penetrated the darkness in the back of the store.

One of the regulars, John, came in and asked if he could weigh a striped bass he caught during that night. He had been in a few weeks earlier with a couple of small fish, but this was different. This bass was big! It

weighed just over 40 pounds and was taken from the beach just east of Mattituck Inlet.

We didn't get a chance to talk much that weekend because things started to get a little busy. A week later though, John was back to buy some bait and we had a chance to chat over a cup of coffee.

Over the last 15 to 20 years John and I have been part of a small cadre of North Shore beach anglers that have enjoyed consistent success catching bass on the east end of the Island. The last few years haven't been so good, but there were enough bass to keep one interested.

We all basically fish the same way and follow the same routines that are applicable to any beach fisherman on Long Island's North Shore.

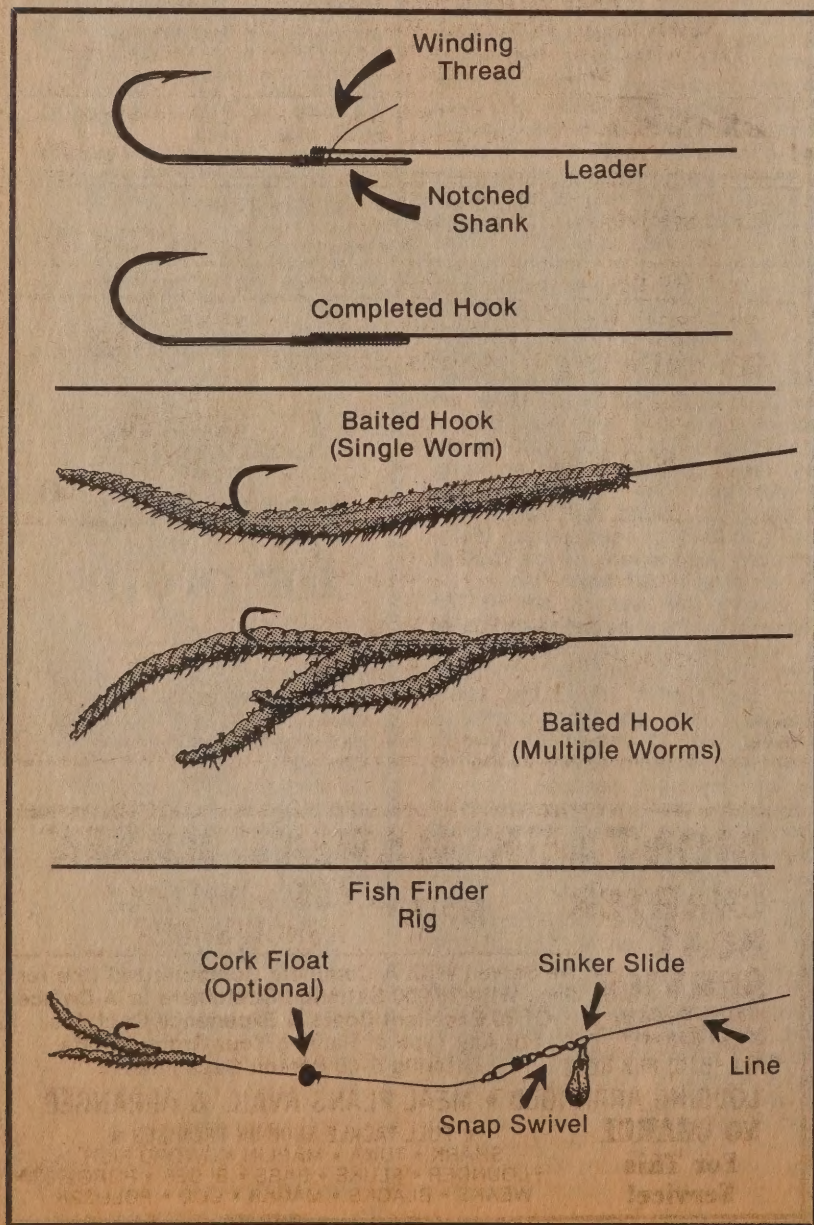
This is John's routine:

He parks his car on a desolate deadend facing a rocky beach. The air is still. He takes down two rods from the rod rack. He opens the trunk and the gnats begin to gather around his head. He takes out a knapsack containing a small tackle box, some light rain gear, and a small thermos of coffee. Strapped to the side of the knapsack are two sand spikes. He decides not to wear his headlamp since there's still some daylight, so he stows it in the knapsack. His knife and pliers are on his belt. Now he tries to decide whether to take his waders. It's a long walk over a rocky beach. Will he need them? Does he want to carry them? He decides against it.

He throws on the knapsack, lays the rods on his shoulder, and begins walking down the long rocky beach. After what seems like an endless walk winding around boulders and swatting gnats, he wipes the sweat and dead gnats from his brow and sets his sand spikes 30 feet apart, just above the high tide mark, and rigs up his rods.

He baits up the hooks with whole sandworms and makes his first cast of the evening just as the sun starts to sink below the horizon.

It has been at least a half hour since he parked his car as he looks around for a good spot to sit. He begins to think about the walk back at four or five in the morning. Is it worth it? Why does anyone waste so much time and effort? The answer is simply



striped bass.

Most of this group of anglers fish basically the same way. Some won't fish 12 hours; some have access rights to private beaches; some use a Jeep to get down the beach. One fellow has been known to take his 14 foot aluminum skiff, load it with surf rods and gear and then ride to his favorite stretch of beach so he could avoid the long walk.

But these fishermen have three things in common. They fish at night. They use whole sandworms. And they use a machine tied O'Shaughnessy hook with a 36 inch leader on a fish finder rig.

Fishing nights seems to be a foregone conclusion when fishing for bass. Using whole sand worms is consistently appreciated by a variety of bass addicts. But what's a machine tied hook? It's a hook without a ringed eye on which the mono leader is wrapped with separate thread to the notched hook shank, as you would a guide foot to a rod.

As you look at the hook you will undoubtedly think that the leader will pull right off the shank of the hook. I have never seen this happen on a hook whose windings were in good shape. In fact, the leader will break before it pulls out. I have tested this and it has never failed.

Big deal! What's so special about this hook? What advantage does it have over other hooks? Well, the main thing is that you can run the hook through the worm without breaking the worm. This allows you to leave only a small portion of the tail hanging off. This saves worms and virtually eliminates short hits.

When fishing more than one worm per hook, if you can afford it, you don't run the hook that far into the worms. This way the hook's point is somewhere in the middle of the squirming tails. One very successful bass fisherman, Nick, doesn't hesitate to run four or five worms on a hook.

Worm trollers have traditionally used hooks like these tied in tandem, and recently boat fishermen fishing in Peconic Bay have gotten into the act. They rig one whole sandworm up the leader and stream a pendant of squid off the hook. Some say this has improved their catch, but all of them say it's a sure way to save bait.

Up to now these hooks have been scarce and what hooks were available were gobbled up by a few bass specialists. For years we have been supplying these hooks, but in very limited amounts. Recently, we were guaranteed a large supply of these hooks and we feel we can reveal the secrets of success of these few anglers.

So during these times when bass are scarce, improve your chances by following the example of Long Island Sound bass specialists. You have to fish at night. Use whole sand worms. And finally, use machine tied O'Shaughnessy hooks at the end of a fish finder rig.

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Part Three—by Al Ristori

FLASHERS & DIGITALS

Si-Tex: The latest innovation is a two-model series of tiny flashers that are ideal for the weekend fisherman. Both the SH-1 and SH-2 have a range scale over three inches in diameter, but the high impact case is just six inches wide, 4-3/8 inches high and

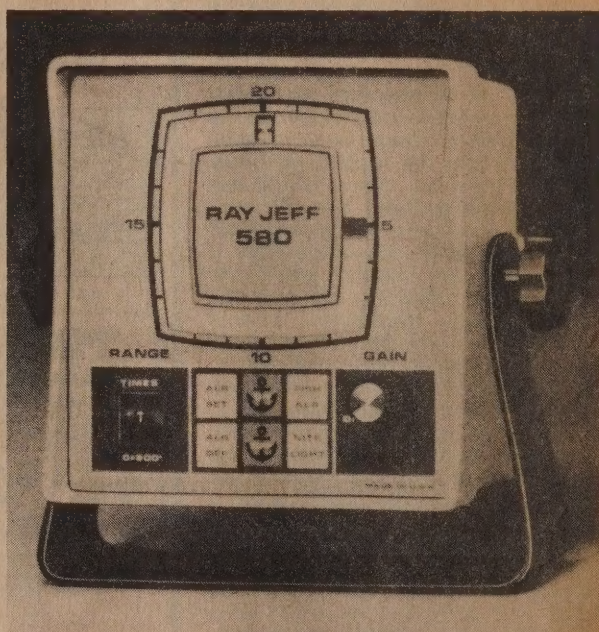
four inches deep when the built-in sun-shield extension is included. The SH-1 has three ranges from 0-60 to 0-120 feet and lists for \$169. The SH-2 offers five ranges from 0-30 to 0-480 feet, plus an audible alarm, for a suggested retail of \$209. Both of these LED flashers can operate in conjunc-

tion with the new Si-Tex HE-357 chart recorder with no interference between the units.

These flashers join the Si-Tex FL-2 neon-bulb flasher, the FL-3 two color unit, and the DL-1 digital depth sounder which displays in large, black liquid



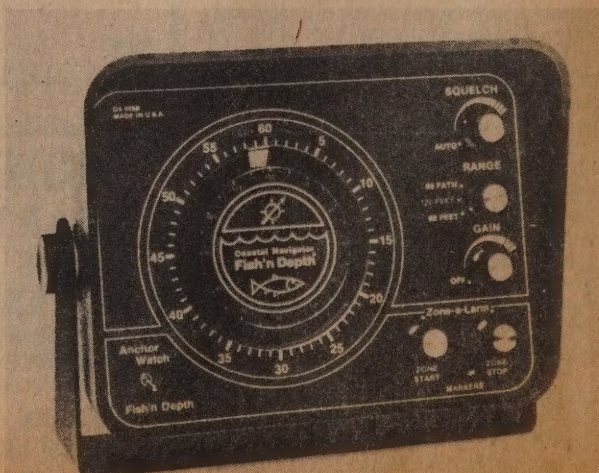
Si-Tex SH-1



Ray Jeff 580



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Coastal Navigator Fish'n Depth

crystal numbers that stand out even in bright sunlight.

Ray Jeff: The new 580 is a real breakthrough as it incorporated full feature microprocessor circuitry in a slim silhouette only 2½ inches deep. Using no moving parts, the 580 computer fish tracker has 10 operating ranges from 2.5-20 down to 200 feet in 20 foot multiples. The unit will read only down to the pre-set depth, thereby eliminating confusion and faulty readings. The LCD readout is easy to read in sunlight, and there are three separate and distinct alarm modes—depth, anchor and fish tracking. The sealed computer keyboard is waterproof, and the 580 comes with a 200 kHz transducer. Also new from Ray Jeff is the 6020 portable "Beeper" flasher that comes in a splash-proof case with a carrying handle on top. Open the hinged top and the unit faces you. The hinged top acts as a sun shield. The automatic

beeper sounds off at any pre-determined depth from 3-59 feet. The large dial is calibrated in one foot increments, and the LED display is perfect for direct sunlight.

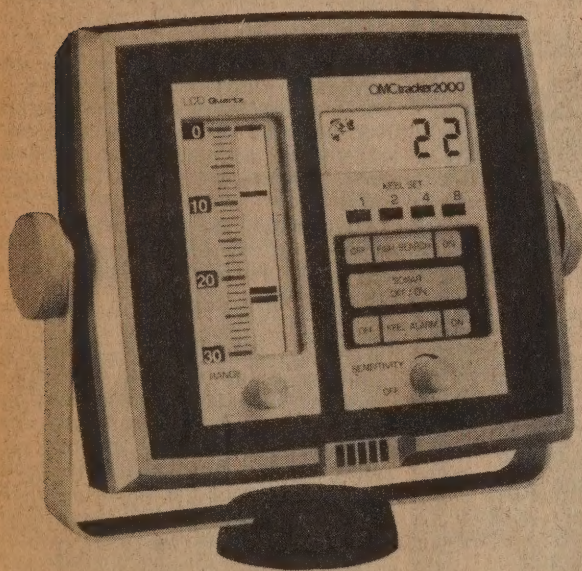
The Ray Jeff 515 Deep Alarm is a low cost sounder that ranges down to 360 feet, has an adjustable alarm and features a no-glare front panel. Despite all this, it measures only 4½ inches square and weighs just two pounds. The 514 Echo-Larm has the same dimensions, weighs 1¼ lbs. and is calibrated to 120 feet. The similarly sized 513 also goes to 120 feet, but is less expensive since it lacks the alarm. In digital depth computers, the top-of-the-line is the 240. This LCD readout unit goes to 200 feet with a keel offset, and has both depth alarm and anchor watch as standard features.

OMC: The Tracker 2000, introduced last year, started the trend toward LCD sounder displays which is

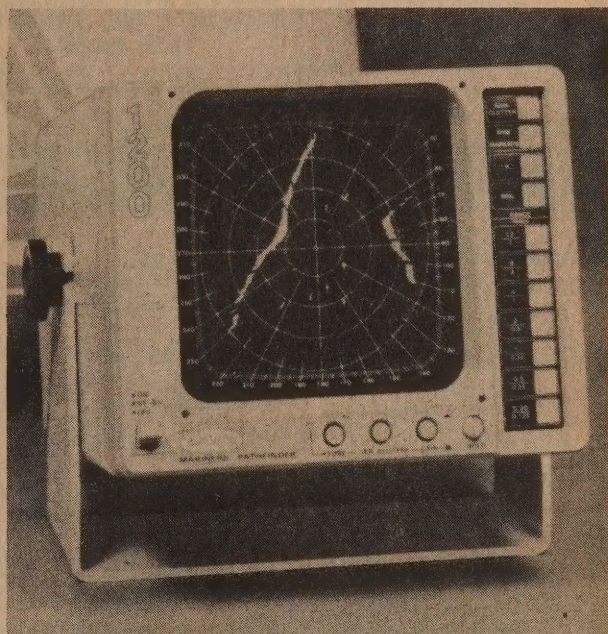
now threatening to take over within a few years. This unit has ranges of 0-15, 0-30, 0-60 and 0-150 feet—and the digital readout indicates depth to 199 feet. A sonar effect lets the angler listen for changes in bottom through variations in the pinging. The audible fish search provides distinctive, "chirp, chirp, chirp" signals when the target is located and freezes the vertical LCD display for three seconds. The Tracker 1000 is a similar unit except for the digital readout. Both are available only through OMC dealers.

SMR: The new SX-6000A Super Sounder from Southern Marine Research features the exclusive "Bottom Trak" anchor alarm. The operator programs minimum and maximum depths into the unit and shuts it off. Should the anchor pull or the boat shift into shallower or deeper water, an audible alarm goes off. The SX-

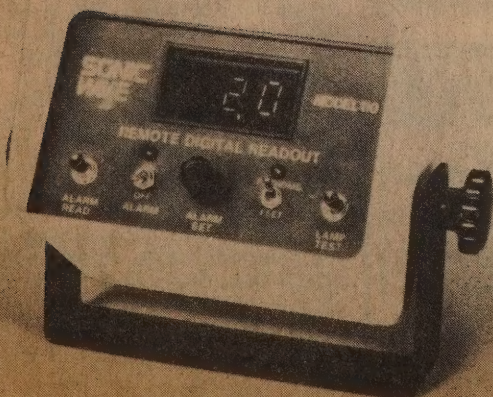
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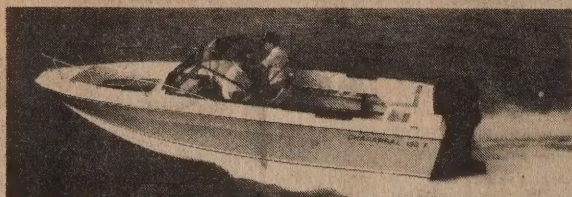


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Capree: This Datamarine company produces budget-priced electronics. The Capree Cadet is a digital depth sounder capable of 175 hours of continuous use on a 9-volt battery. Depths to 100 feet are displayed. The Capree Ensign is designed with automatic backlighting controlled by a tiny photocell which requires only a minimal amount of power. It is good for 175 hours in daylight or 120 hours with backlighting on a self-contained 9-volt battery—or it can be hooked into an on board 12-volt system. Topping the line is the Capree Commander which operates on 12-volt shipboard power and displays depths to 200 feet.

Sonic Wave: BH Electronics (a division of the New York Stock Exchange-listed BMC Industries) has introduced the 110 Remote Digital Readout so Video Sounder users can have remote depth monitoring local-corrosion-proof cabinet, built-in sunshade—and a list of \$239. Top-of-the-line in digitals is the Striker SD-100X with three-digit LCD that reads to 600 feet, plus variable alarm. List is \$279. The D-603 in-dash unit provides 0-60 feet, meters or fathoms along with a variable alarm. List is \$199.

tions on a vessel without installing additional transducers. The 110 is compatible with the Sonic Wave VS2020, VS2040, 660S and 990S models. Depth readings are updated every two seconds in feet or fathoms, and the unit features a variable audible alarm for shallow water warning.

Leisure Electronics: These dashboard-mounted flashers provide fish readings as well as depth. The four models mount flush in a 3-3/8 inch diameter hole and require only 3-7/8 inch depth clearance. The selection includes 60 and 120 foot, plus 40 and 80 foot dual range, models with gain and noise rejection controls, and 60 and 100 foot models with automatic gain control for "hands-off" operation. Two new surface-mounted flashers are the G60-120 FL (0-60 and 0-120 foot ranges) and G40-80 FL (0-40 and 0-80 foot ranges) that measure 4" h by 6" w by 5" d.

Coastal Navigator: A new triple



range flasher is suitable for deep water navigation and fish finding. The Fisn'n Depth ranges are 0-60 and 0-120 feet, plus 0-60 fathoms. The Zone-A-Larm feature incorporates shallow and deep alarms to alert the skipper to both shoaling and deepening conditions. Model 606B also includes an anchor watch feature. List price is \$449.95, and the unit carries a two-year warranty. The new DS-2040B Fisn-N-Pro gives fine resolution in the 0-20 foot range, and also has 0-40 and 0-100 feet.

Aquasonic: These descendants of the old Garica flasher continue to do a good job at modest prices. The latest model is the AE220 portable flasher that reads down to 100 feet. It runs on two 6-volt lantern batteries or can be hooked up to a 12-volt system. The 30-degree transducer gives a wide-angle view and 1,000 volt ultra-bright long-life bulbs provide clear readings even in bright sunlight. Aquasonic has been working on a pedestal mount flasher and expects to have it ready by this summer.

Strickland: This division of Bass Hustler Lures produces sun shields for popular flashers such as the Lowrance 2000 series and all Humminbird units. The shield is made of 2370 bronze plexiglass and retails for \$9.95.

SMALL BOAT RADAR

Raytheon has introduced new technology into the field of small boat radar with its new 1200 Mariners Pathfinder radar. It lists for just \$2,195 but provides a good picture on a nine-inch diagonally measured TV-type display which is viewable in daylight. Ideal for boats of 20 feet or more, the new radar actually consists of two units. The radome antenna/transceiver scanning unit has a 24½ inch diameter and weighs 2½ pounds. The display weighs 15 pounds. The 1200 is designed for easy installation and quick disconnect and operates on 12/24/32 volts with low current drain—using typically less than 50 watts of power. According to Raytheon, the digital technology which makes this design possible is a system of translating conventional radar signals to digital levels that can be compared for interference rejection and stored in memory. The raster-scan system continuously updates the CRT display with the most current signals in memory to produce a sharp image. Other conventional radar signals are presented in "real" time, providing an image that fades so rapidly after the sweep that a hood is required for daylight viewing. Raytheon says that this technology has become the standard for TVs of the future and, although never before applied to marine radars, similar digital technology has also been used on aircraft weather radars. Seven scanning ranges are available from 1/4 to 12 nautical miles, along with a full range of controls. The radar image appears in bright green on a black background.

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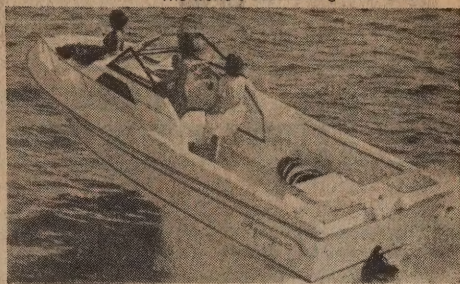
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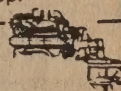


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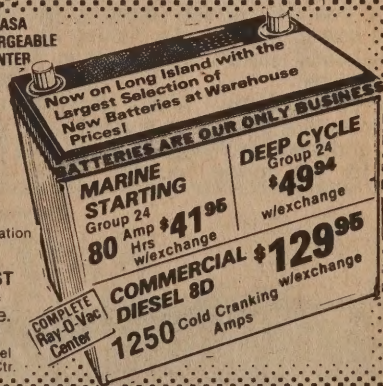
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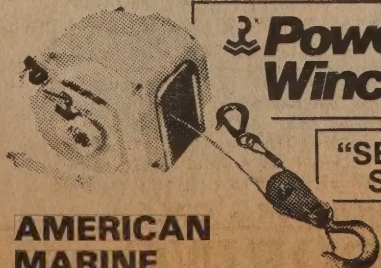
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LATE SPRING FLATTIES

by Gerald Hahn

Some of the best shore action is reserved for the mild weather that accompanies May and early June.

Like many fishermen, I simply can't wait for the first sunny day when temperatures are tolerable enough to try for early spring flounder. I stow my tackle in the car, pick up some worms along the way and finally arrive at a choice flounder spot. Just as I make my first cast of the season, an ominous cloud blocks the sun and sends the thermometer plummeting back to January. Nevertheless, fish must, at least for the first 20 minutes. By then, my teeth are chattering, and I do most of my fishing in the car, where I read in *The Fisherman* about skiff anglers slaughtering flounder beyond my reach. If I'm lucky, I may even catch a few flounder this way without a case of pneumonia thrown in.

In the warm car I also begin thinking about catching flounder later in the spring. Of course, by then, I'll be too busy pursuing macks and weaks and other species to worry about flounder. A silly thing to do when late spring flounder fishing for shore-bound anglers is better than it will ever be.

So, one cold day I finally decided that the more glamorous species can wait, and there and then, I set aside a time for late spring flounder. Since

that decision, my catch ratio has improved considerably. For example, two years ago I caught four flounder on a brisk day in early April and 15 in late May. Comparing early, early June and mid-April outings last year, the ratio was 2:1. And three seasons ago, I caught nothing but snow flurries early in the season and 8 flatties later on.

Early or late, most spring flounder are not very large, for they spend the winter in a dormant state. A one pound specimen is considered a good size. There are places where dedicated surf men occasionally catch snowshoes, specimens over 2 pounds. These large sea flounder are taken in the Atlantic and the east end of Long Island Sound, near Orient Point. If the time and place are right, large spawning fish are also taken in the Peconics. For the most part, however, the average bay fish are the mainstay in the spring. They provide lots of action in late spring and excellent opportunities to use light tackle.

A light tackle outfit for flounder consists of a six foot spinning rod with a fine tip and a small reel comparable to the Shakespeare 2401 or the Penn 450 spooled with 6 to 8 pound test. A light freshwater outfit, including

spincast gear, is effective as well.

Most flounder fishermen use long-shanked Chestertown hooks in sizes 10 to 12. The hooks have a sharp inward bend and an offset point, a perfect match to the flounder's small twisted mouth. Moreover, the long shank makes hook removal easier when a fish, especially a small one that should be released, takes the bait deep in the throat. Nonetheless, I like to use smaller beak or claw, baitsaver hooks in sizes 4 to 6. These freshwater hooks hold soft baits more securely than a hook with a long shank. They also make a better presentation, because the bait doesn't slide down the shank and bunch up at the bend. I snell these hooks with light leaders, or even monofilament, of 10 and 20 lb. test and adjust the lengths from 8 to 12 inches.

Flounder fishing is generally performed with two hook rigs. The most commonly used rig is tandem tied, the end of one snelled leader to the middle of the other. The two hooks and a light bank sinker, generally no more than an ounce, are secured to a snap swivel that is tied to the end of the fishing line with an improved clinch knot. Those who pursue large flounder in rough currents, however, may tie the hooks above each other, to droppers on the running line. They also use snelled leaders of 30 lb. test for the hooks. In this arrangement, an end loop on the running line secures the sinker, and the bottom dropper is tied about an inch above. Then the top dropper is tied at least a snell's length above the first. At many shore spots, however, the fishing is seldom so productive that two hooks are required, and consequently, I prefer the lightest rig possible. This consists of a single hook tied directly to the end of the fishing line with an improved clinch knot and a rubber core sinker about a foot above. The faintest nibble is detected with this kind of rig. Of course, its use is relegated to places where currents are sluggish and where bringing a fish to shore presents no obstacles. In other words, this is not a proper rig for fishing from a bridge or other high embankment.

Of all baits, sea worms are the most widely used for flounder. South shore fishermen seem to favor bloodworms whereas north shore fishermen favor sandworms. They are both effective, but so are earthworms, night crawlers and the like. Cut any of these worms



The author has found late spring action to be the best of the season.

into one inch pieces and thread one on the hook. Some fishermen experiment with skimmer clams dyed yellow with food coloring. These fishermen usually paint their sinkers yellow as well. Flounder are not shy and the color may attract them. A slice of clam should be impaled and twisted several times on the hook. Other fishermen find bank mussels better than clams, although this soft bait is difficult to secure on the hook. The method is similar to baiting up with clams. Finally, there are those fishermen who like to combine baits. They may try a platter of sandworm and mussel, or bloodworm and clam, or even a corn kernel with a morsel of worm. Hooks mounted with artificial corn kernels are sold in many bait shops. Also worth considering in the artificial department is a hook dressed with yellow feathers and tipped with any of the soft baits mentioned. All of the soft baits should be rigged in such a way that a small amount dangles below the point.

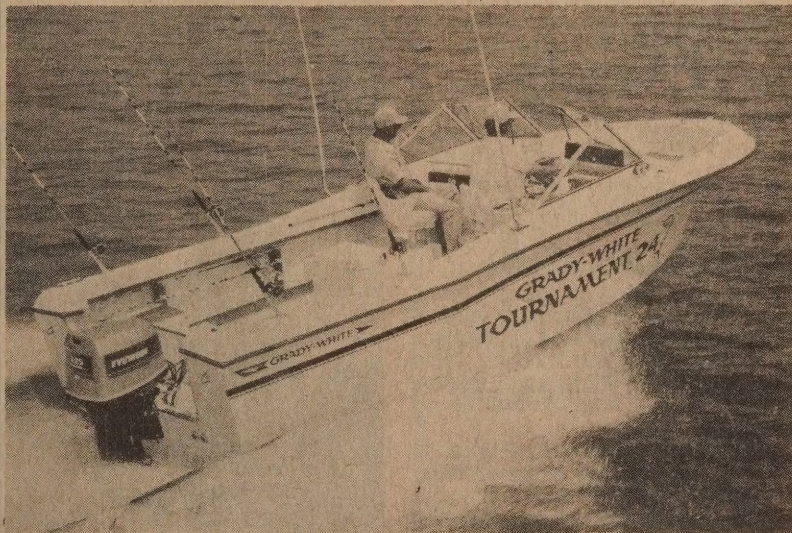
Flounder fishing in late spring is performed in the same places as in early spring. The fish are found in muddy shallows along the back sides of various bays and harbors, or at the confluence of a creek or a river and a bay. Such places as Hog Creek Pt. in Gardiner's Bay, Towd Pt. in Peconic Bay, the North Shore's Nissequogue River, Northport Bay and Port Jefferson Harbor, and the South Shore's Quogue Canal, Captree piers and Cross Bay bridges, are only a few of the numerous spots with fishing potential. For at these places, the slow-moving currents and shallows are quickly warmed, now that spring has truly arrived. Spring rains and melted snow wash nutrients into these systems, and the suspended particles glisten like tiny jewels as they trickle down to hungry flounder.

Fishing for flounder, therefore, is performed solely on the bottom. The baited rig is cast and is then allowed to settle in the rich mud. Flounder may be poor swimmers, but they are curious creatures, seldom disturbed by motor boats and the blaring radios of noisy anglers. Occasionally raising and lowering the rod a foot or so causes the sinker to bounce and stir up the mud, thereby releasing nutrients. Flounder will hop about 20' for a meal of these suspended particles. For the same reason, fishermen often fool flounder by tossing bits of egg shells mixed with sand in the water near the baited rig.

Although sea flounder are under-rated creatures—a 2½ pounder puts up a stronger fight than a fluke of comparable size—typical bay flounder are rather sluggish, even in late spring. A good reason for going as light as possible, wherever possible. The faintest tap is a signal to lift the rod slowly and set the hook.

Fishing at many backwater spots may require some investigation, however. For many of these places are not as easy to fish as a place like the Shinnecock Canal. There, all you

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have to do is take a spot close to the locks and wait for them to close. At a place like Hog Creek Pt., however, a small inlet supports a creek and a marina in back, and a pathway to Gardiner's Bay in front. The narrow channel, often dredged, doesn't support flounder. Where the channel widens in back, however, the bottom reverts to mud in the form of little hills and valleys. A particularly rewarding slope is southwest of the east embankment. If nothing happens there, retrieve the rig slowly, a few feet at a time, until it is almost beneath you. As often happens, the grass is not always greener on the other side of the inlet. I discovered this spot by checking the whole area

at low slack, and you may have to do the same at your place.

Generally, a backwater spot that is shallow at high tide should be fished during the incoming tide. At other times the water may be too flat, even for flatfish. Places where the water is fairly deep, however, may be better on the outgoing tide. Either way, as long as the current is moving the fishing will probably improve.

Late spring, though far more comfortable for the angler than early spring, is often a time of heavy rains. If the water turns murky in your spot, wait a few days for it to cleanse itself. And if habit forces you to take your flounder trip too early in the spring, reserve a time for late spring.

FLUKE PRIMER

by Don Kamienski

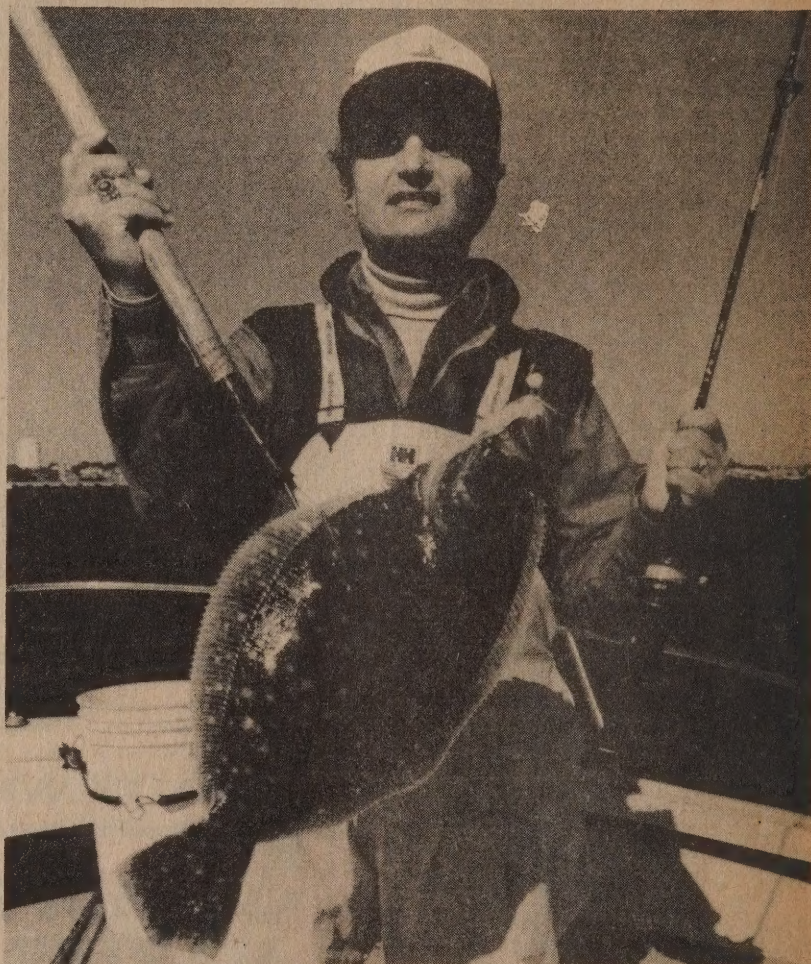
There is no such thing as a fluke expert, only those individuals who have consistently high scores in terms of quality and quantity of fish caught each trip. Even the best fluke anglers I know along our coast are continually trying to improve their knowledge and understanding of the species and what tempts them into striking. Closed-mouth sharpies can usually be found experimenting with different locations, variety of tackle, different techniques, various tidal phases, and finally different periods of the day.

It's not just a single trick or technique that puts more fish in the box of these talented anglers. Rather, it's the combination of tips and tricks picked up over the years from various sources or from their own experimentation. Instead of just knowing these techniques, good anglers will employ various ones depending on the fishing conditions.

I hope that the opening paragraphs do not paint a picture that fluke fishing is especially difficult, and that you'll need a headful of tricks. On the contrary, this type of fishing is very easy and enjoyable to master if you pay attention to a series of simple suggestions. These include where to find fluke, what tackle produces the heaviest coolers, and finally what techniques produce the most fish. To give you one angler's opinion regarding these subjects, a series of three articles have been developed to act as a primer to help you either get started with fluke fishing, or possibly improve your current catch-per-trip ratio. Keep in mind that this primer deals only with inshore fluke fishing in rivers, bays and harbors, and not necessarily the offshore or deepwater scene. Let's get started by describing three of my favorite types of fluke spots.

Locating fluke in sufficient quantities along the bottom is perhaps the key to either catching fish or taking a boat ride. No matter how talented you are regarding fluke fishing techniques or how much your equipment costs, if you're fishing the wrong type of bottom, you won't catch many fluke. For the most part, the majority of fluke will be found **DOWN-TIDE** of areas where there is a change in the contour of the bottom. This change doesn't necessarily have to be a 20 foot dropoff that occurs in a space of 10 feet. The change can be as gentle as a 12 inch trough that flows near the mouth of a tidal creek. Where there is a specific contour change, you'll find fluke.

One of the easiest places to find a



Here's the author with a nice fluke taken on light spinning gear.

change in the shape of the bottom is along channel edges. The Coast Guard even helps you find these changes by installing red and black buoys along the edges of these channels. In most cases, these buoys will be placed approximately 10 feet offshore of the actual channel dropoff or structure break. This type of placement usually prevents power boats from running aground because of high bottoms.

As the tide rises, baitfish will move out of the deep areas of the channels and into the shallow side sections using the channel slope as a thornfare. Since fluke are predators by nature and feed upon these migrating baitfish, they, too, will follow the channel slope between deep and thin water areas.

Therefore, the best area, in my opinion, to fish a channel is not down

its middle where you have to dodge rooster-tailing power boats, but rather along the channel edges using the buoys as a guide. When the tide is rising, keep your boat and baits inshore of the buoys, then when the tide is falling, keep them offshore of the red and black markers. Regardless of tidal flow, be sure you're fishing along the length of the channel edge and not across its width. It's amazing how this simple technique will help you catch more fluke.

Another productive area to find good concentrations of fluke is down-tide of most points of land. As the tide flows along such a point, the baitfish which are swimming with the tide become trapped in the turbulence which is located downstream of the point. This turbulence prevents the baitfish from swimming with any great speed which, in turn, makes

them an easy meal for the resident fluke population. Somehow, nature has taught the fluke that downtide of points of land awaits a supermarket of free helpless food. Since fluke have to seek out their own food on a daily basis, they will often set up a picket line adjacent to a point of land. Such areas should not be overlooked.

While sand bar areas are tricky to fish because they require you to troll for fluke instead of drifting, these shallow water areas can often produce the greatest number of fluke—but not necessarily the best quality in terms of size. It seems that the deeper the water, the bigger the fluke. However, if numbers of fluke is the game you're playing, let me suggest that you fish downtide of a sand bar especially during an outgoing tide.

The reason behind the effectiveness of sand bars at this tidal phase is that the downtide side of these bars have the only appreciable water depth in the area. Since fluke need this water depth, they will seek out this area not only to survive, but also to feed upon the baitfish that have become trapped in these pockets. Some sand bars are only effective at certain phases of the tide. It will take some extra fishing trips on your part to determine the personality of a specific sand bar, but once you've determined the fish producing pattern of the area, you'll be in fluke heaven.

While channel edges, sand bars, and points of land are perhaps my three favorite bottoms for fluke, I certainly wouldn't discount tidal rips, back eddies, underwater shoals and tidal creek mouths as possible areas that hold good numbers of fish. They key to catching fluke—is first finding them. If you can find 'em, you should be able to catch 'em.

The ideal fluke outfit for inshore waters should possess three qualities including minimal weight, moderate strength or backbone, and finally, maximum sensitivity. If the ideal fluke outfit can be defined in such simple terms, why are there 53 such outfits hanging on the wall in my office? The answer to this often asked question from my puzzled spouse is that each rod has a special purpose and is used under specific conditions. At least that is what I'm trying to convince her of. For instance, there are fluke rod and reel outfits for shallow water fishing, for deep water fishing, for trolling, for drifting, for bucktailing and for flyrodding. Now, I'm not suggesting that you run out and purchase a dozen fluke outfits even though it would make the advertisers in this magazine extremely happy. What I am suggesting, however, is that you think about the type of fishing you'll be doing, and then acquire an outfit to match this type of angling pursuit.

Buying a rod and reel outfit is like picking out a necktie or betting on a horse in the fifth race at the Meadows—everyone has their own preferences and taste. In my case, the majority of my store bought outfits

consists of a graphite rod with a matching conventional or spinning reel. The reason I chose graphite over fiberglass for the rod's construction is because this material is extremely sensitive which allows me to feel a soft feeding fluke munching on my bait.

I also like graphite because it is lightweight and has plenty of backbone. Some anglers I know swear that they can feel fluke smelling their baits because of their graphite sticks, but I think that this is being a little overzealous about the benefits of this material. However, in my opinion, once you begin using graphite, you'll never return to any other rod construction. It's that good!

If you're drifting for fluke from your own small boat, you can get away with shorter rods with lengths in the 5½ to 6 foot class being my first choice. Also, I tend to favor heavy duty freshwater rods that have a fast or medium tip with plenty of beef throughout the lower two-thirds of the rod. The sensitive tip lets me feel the fluke mouthing the bait, while the strength of the rod allows me to budge most fluke off the bottom with minimal effort.

Since the weights I'm using can range up to four to five ounces, the rod tip must have some stiffness. It's even a good idea when shopping for a new rod to hang your average sinker off the tip to get an idea of the rod's flex. If fishing from a beach, jetty, or party boat, I like to increase the rod's length to 7-8 feet. This additional length should help avoid tangles, cast a little further and control a spooky fish better.

Matching a reel to a rod is especially important in that too big or too small a reel will result in an unbalanced outfit. Using such an outfit will often promote early fatigue in your arms and hands, and perhaps cause you to miss a hit from a nice size fluke. For the most part, I favor conventional reels filled with 12 to 14 pound test while either drifting or trolling.

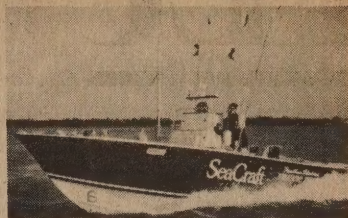
These reels, such as those made by Shimano, Daiwa and Penn are nothing more than freshwater casting tools used by the largemouth bass fishing fraternity. However, when matched with a sturdy graphite rod, they can outmuscle any fluke that swims in our inshore waters.

Using such terminal tackle as a fish finder rig to increase your feel of a mouthing fluke, a sharpened hook to help penetrate the fluke's mouth, or substituting a heavy bucktail for a bank sinker in order to catch double headers will help assure your catching a few more fluke than the neighboring boats. Most fluke you'll catch will be in the 1 to 2 pound class, so don't arm yourself as though you were after bigeye tuna. Fly fishermen have a motto which says, "match the hatch." With fluke fishing, my motto is "match the catch." Go light and go sensitive, and you'll catch more fish and have more fun in doing so.

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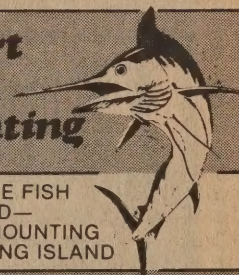
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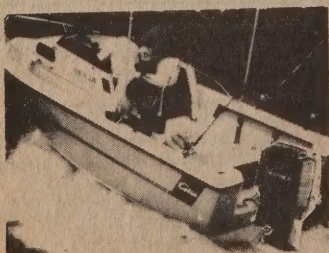


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PORTRAIT OF

by Matt Ahern

Far from being glamorous, this relationship has saved the day for many a singer.

As a sinker-bouncing fisherman I have always held a warm spot in my heart for ling. This is easy to understand, for ling were the fish I caught on my first party boat trip over 55 years ago. They were big, they were pot-bellied, and I caught them until I became arm-weary. What beginning fisherman could ever forget such an event?

Some nine-ten years ago I wrote a ling-fishing article entitled "The Day Savers." I sometimes think a better title might have been: "The Life Savers." This is not written in jest, for I can easily recall many desperate fishermen of depression-ridden days who depended upon the plentiful ling to feed both their families and those of less fortunate neighbors. And the ling always came through. During those hard times, truly, it was "ling to the rescue." Old-timers remember those days well.

I don't know how or when this fish was given the name "ling," but it goes back a long way. Actually, a ling is a member of the cod family. It is a true hake. A red hake, to be precise. Incidentally, should you hear mention of "squirrel hake," it is only our friend with yet another name. But the scientific boys aren't about to be confused. They call the ling *Urophycis chus*.

Like cod, the ling is no slouch when it comes to propagating the species. They are tremendous spawners. In contrast to cod, though, ling require warmer temperatures for successful spawning. Because ling and cod eggs are buoyant and would freely mix if spawned at the same time, this needed temperature difference is evidently Nature's safeguard against weakening the species by improper fertilization.

When spawned, ling eggs are minute, but they quickly swell to 1/25" in diameter. When hatched, the fry are about 1/16" long. These infants are green-hued on top and silvery along the sides.

Their early existence is called pelagic; that is, they live and feed on the surface from late summer to early fall. By this time they are two to four inches long. During this time, however, occasional individuals as small as two inches have been caught on bottom. No doubt this has much to do with the available food supply.

The mature ling will never win a beauty contest in the fish world. In



Ling may never win a beauty contest.

fact, some fishermen would say it's just plain ugly—but beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Judge for yourself.

The ling has a compressed, elongated body. Its head is also somewhat compressed. Its snout is tapered, and as does the cod, the ling also has chin barbel. It is blessed with fair-sized mouth and its teeth are small and pointed. These are present on both jaws and vomer (the bony plate in the center of the mouth). Those in the lower jaw are in irregular series, those of the upper jaw are definitely in two series.

Scales are small, smooth-edged (cycloid) and are in 104 to 112 oblique rows. I've never counted the rows, but this is what fishery scientists say and they know.

Unlike the cod with its three unique dorsal fins, the ling has but two.

of the cod
bouncer.



everyone who has caught ling knows, the first dorsal contains a long three-like ray. The second dorsal is long and nearly uniform in height throughout. The tail is weak and round.

The anal fin is long and low. The ventral fins are long and slender and are inserted low on the margin of each gill opening. There are two on each side, one longer than the other. These are extremely sensitive and are thought to be an aid in searching out food while prowling along the bottom. Pectoral fins located in the center of the fish and near each gill cover often range from broad to narrow.

The color of a ling might well be considered drab. It is brown-hued above, with lighter sides—sometimes silvery. These lighter fish are usually caught over sand bottom. The underneath portions of all ling are yellow, gray, or white—again depending on

area caught. Those taken over muddy bottom have a yellow cast on the lower parts. Sometimes this can be quite pronounced.

The ling is a sluggish fish when compared to the racy mackerel, but it does manage to get up enough speed to catch its share of sand eels, squid, shrimp, and the young of other fish. It is quite capable of keeping itself well supplied with food.

We used to do a lot of ling fishing in early May off Sandy Hook's Cedars (over a half-century ago) and when we caught our fish, most were so packed with food the tails of sand eels could be seen protruding from their mouths. There was no room for more, but our friend wasn't about to pass up a choice bit of skimmer. There is no question that ling are gluttonous.

In the true sense of the word, ling do not migrate, but they have definite inshore and offshore movements in the southern part of their range. This range includes Long Island and the southern reaches of New Jersey. In the Gulf of Maine and throughout New England this is not so noticeable.

Most ling are absent from our local inshore grounds during summer, except for isolated areas such as the Cholera Bank where great numbers are sometimes caught during July. Years ago ling used to be extremely plentiful on the Cholera "high spots." I can remember when we used to spend hours fishing out the ling with handlines before we could get an hour or two of good sea bass fishing. What did we do with those butter tubs of ling? We dumped them overboard! Shame on me, I know, and more's the pity. My hands are not entirely clean, but those days fish were so plentiful no one even considered what was to come not too long after. But now we know; therefore, a word to the wise...

In November, ling return inshore, but at the first sign of approaching winter will move offshore. They return in April, distended with spawn. Here they remain close inshore (two-three miles) until late May. when water temperatures become too warm for comfort they once again return offshore to complete the cycle.

An average ling caught by sinker bouncers in local waters will weigh between one and three pounds. An occasional four pounder is taken, but anything over five is uncommon. The largest ling on record weighed eight pounds and was 30 inches long—which is some ling! I've never seen one much over four pounds in all my years of ling fishing. My largest to date probably weighed around that—give or take a few ounces.

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East End REPORT

with Capt. John DeMaio

The codfishing has dried up to some degree with big pollock taking up the slack at Montauk.

Biggest news from up west are the tiderrunner weakfish which have filtered into the Peconics. Not much for quantity, but quality is there.

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Capt. Wayne of the charter boat **King Wayne** had 65 flounder plus blackfish and sea bass on Thursday for the Jay Greeney party. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 50-60 cod per day was the average, with an abundance of mackerel and pollock taken along with the cod.

Capt. Gene Kelly of the charter boat **Kellyboat** did well with large pollock on diamond jigs on Saturday, a dozen fish from 20 to 35 pounds hit the deck.

Steve Mauss, the captain of the charter boat **Kraken II** reported a good day's fishing on Wednesday. Capt. Jim and Capt. Gary from Hook, Line and Sinker in Freeport took 40 flounder to 4 pounds and 25 blacks to 6 pounds.

The charter boat **Montauk** did well on pollock both Friday and Saturday. On Friday the catch was 28 pollock, "all jumbos" and 6 cod. Saturday showed 18 pollock "all jumbos" and 10 cod. Biggest cod of the week weighed 52 pounds and was caught by Bill Fabiano. Capt. Mike said Sunday's flounder trip resulted in 61 "snowshoe flounder".

Bill Ricca, captain of the **Alyssa Ann** had 51 flounder to 3½ pounds for the Descovick party on Sunday.

Capt. Potts of the charter boat **Blue Fin** said that on Tuesday the Notali group took the lead in the free trip pool with a 28 pound cod. On Wednesday the Kraus group managed 19 cod from 15 to 20 pounds. The Perez group is now leading the free trip pool with a 38 pound pollock taken on Saturday. One of 19 big fish that went from 28 to 38 pounds. On Saturday 9 pollock, 20 to 35 pounds and 7 cod to 37 pounds all caught on diamond jigs by the Herron party.

Ron Grandinetti, captain of the charter vessel **Julie III** had a bumper day on Saturday with the flounder. A total of 90 flounder up to 3½ pounds were landed by the Merdez party.

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Gardiner's flounder on the weekend. Among them were the **Hurry UP** and **Mako Express**. The **Mistress Too** had 11 pollock from 25 to 38 pounds plus three angler fish for the Ray Achilli party on Saturday. On Sunday, he too reported good flounder fishing. Capt. Jack Passie of the **Windy** had both pollock and cod for Sunday's charter.

While Capt. Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** found flounder, mackerel and herring for a half day charter on Sunday.

SOUTH FORK

Speck's Bait and Tackle of **Southampton** reported a variety of fish taken. The hottest item being the large weakfish. Anglers are averaging 3 to 6 weeks per bat in the 7½ to 15 pound range. The action is at South Race, Jessups and at buoy 16 in Noyac Bay.

Plenty of flounder still available at the "Basket" area of Shinnecock. Fluke of legal size are being caught in the east channel of the "canal." Reports are also filtering in about large porgies in Peconic and some small blues.

Capt. Ken of the **Jenny Rose** a Shinnecock based open boat, said that the "flounder fishing is getting better." The Basket area is producing an abundance of flounder from 1 to 2 pounds. On Saturday, Barbara Klaus of New Hyde Park won the pool with a flounder that topped 2 pounds. Average per man in 10 fish. Ken also saw the first porgies this week. Three fish, the largest being 1 pound, 13 ounces, were taken.

Capt. Artie Lach of the **Sag Harbor** based **Wilhelmic II** reported that Gardiner's flounder action has been excellent one day, spotty the next. Weeks started off well with 5 men taking 27 fish during last Wednesday's trip to Jessups. Tru-turn Hook Representative, Jim Johnson of Mastic was hi-hook with 7 weeks to 12 pounds.

South Shore REPORT with Fred Golofaro

Flounder remain in top form in Moriches and Great South Bays but they will no doubt surrender center stage by the upcoming weekend. Fluke have made their appearance in both bays and in catchable numbers, though the majority of these early arrivals have been shorts. There was a surge in Great South Bay weakfishing during the week but the highly prized yellowfins were few and far

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Gary Grunseich of Silly Lilly Fishing Station in East Moriches said that flounder fishing continues excellent with the flats between buoys 36 and 43 providing the best results. Average catch per boat ranges between 40 and 80 flounder with some of the fish hitting the 2 pound mark. On Saturday, Jack Friend and Freddie Sinclair put away 92 flatties. George Ignatio, Bill Fisher and Gary McGreevy totaled 88 flounder on Sunday. Gary noted that a few fluke have been showing up in flounder catches. A 4 pounder was taken on a worm meant for a flounder on Sunday.

Jim Greene over at L & M Marine Fishing Station in East Moriches spoke of very good flounder fishing at buoys 42 and 43 with worms doing the most damage. Clam, corn and mussel chum all a big help. Best action has been on the flood but some good scores made on the first half of the ebb as well. Average catch between 40 and 60 flatties per boat, though some do much better. Ed and Kevin King and Roy Beers combined to take 77 flounder up to 2.6 pounds on Thursday.

"A lot of very good scores on the weekend though the average per boat probably dropped from 40 to 50 to 30 to 40 per. High score on the weekend was a boat with 150 flatties." This from Nick Castoro of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station in East Moriches. While the best fishing during the week occurred in the deeper holes, best weekend fishing was found in 4-5' of water off of the Brown House. Quality is still there too with a good number of 2 pound fish being taken.



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From J & J Tackle in Patchogue, Paul Graniello said that there was some good weakfish action down off of Ocean Beach during the week but fishing died on the weekend. Andy Rose and his wife did manage weaks of 4-8 pounds on white bucktails. John Anunziato was in the shop early Monday morning with a 9 1/2 pound

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weak he had just taken at Ocean Beach. He told of dropping another. Other fish weighed in over the weekend included a 5 pound 1 ounce sea bass by Bob Seal and a 7.15 pound blackfish taken by Jeff Pickens. Paul looked over his first fluke on Saturday. John Wildman and Barry Bernstein had 2 in addition to 1 weakfish. Ozzie VonHelmund checked in a 12½ pound striper taken Friday AM on the North Shore. According to Paul, Ozzie has been doing well with schoolies, mostly shorts on small needlefish plugs, eelworms and jointed Rebels.

Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center in Oakdale** weighed in several nice weaks but again, most scores were made during the week rather than the weekend. Ed Woltering had a 10½ pound weak at Ocean Beach. Larry Oehler had 3 tiderunners of 9, 11½ and 13½ pounds. He fished West Channel with sandworms. John Kropp checked in with an 11¾ pound weak while Roger Fogarty scored with a 10½ pounder. Dave himself, managed a 7 pound blackfish from the shore at Oak Beach and reminded that some blowfish and sea bass are being taken at Ocean Beach. Some fluke also being taken in the vicinity of the R.M. bridge although many of the fish are shorts. For freshwater fans, Bill Vonoski returned from a session in Connetquot State Park with and impressive 5 pound rainbow trout.

Mike Cioffi at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in East Islip said that flounder continue to get plenty of attention in the area. On Saturday, Rich Anderson, Tom Legon and John Roten totaled 47 flounder topped off by a huge flattie of 3½ pounds. They used jams and mussels and worked the Sore Thumb Cove at Oak Beach. Some weaks were weighed in during the week but the weekend appeared to be a bust. Tom Boylan checked a 12.14 pound tiderunner on Friday. It was taken in West Channel on a red jellworm and is the current leader in the shop's weakfish contest. George Reinhart managed weaks of 9 and 10.1 pounds also during the week.

Capt. Neil Delaney of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** reported and excellent flounder weekend with full and half day trips resulting in plenty of flatties. Hi-hook on the Sunday morning trip accounted for 43 flounder while the PM trip saw Marty Beltrami score with 25. Neil has been working Dickerson and West Channels and the Lighthouse and expects to be mixing fluke and flounder shortly. He gave the fluke a shot on Wednesday and figured that over 50 of the newly arrived summer flatties came over the rail.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle in Bay Shore** said that flounder fishing remains very good at the Lighthouse, along South Beach and inside the Sore Thumb Pocket. Sea bass and blowfish along with good numbers of flounder in the vicinity of West Island. Mike Paulani of the **Friendly Stranger** put 28 flounder

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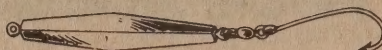
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(West Channel) and 30 blackfish to 7 pounds (Kismet) in the box on Saturday. While weekend weakfish activity was way down, Carl did check in 4 weeks from 6 to 10½ pounds for Dennis Micco. He worked West Channel with sand and jellyworms.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the Captree open boat **Captain Rod** labelled the flounder fishing "fantastic". Action has been in Dickerson and West Channels and along south beach with plenty of decent size fish making up the catches. Despite the caliber of the flounder fishing, a demand for fluke along with the appearance this week of the summer flatties will cause the boat to mix both fluke and flounder beginning with the close of Memorial Day weekend.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the Captree open boat **Captree Queen II** said that flounder fishing continues excellent though Sunday's action was better than Saturday's. The key is the change of tide at the lighthouse area. Best fishing during the running tide has been at West Channel and at the Sore Thumb. Of the weakfishing, Gordon reported a few aken each night, most in the 8-11 pound range with a few 2-3 pounders slowing up as well. The skipper said that Ocean Beach and West Channel have both produced some fish on sardworms and jellyworms.

Capt. Dan Juettner of the Captree open boat **Captain Dan** also called to put in a word about the flounder fishing. He spoke of very good floundering all week long working West Channel, The Lighthouse (larger fish here) and the Sore Thumb Pocket.

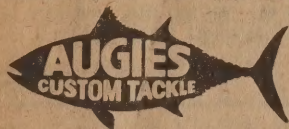
A similar report was received from Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the Captree open boat **Capt. Joseph II**. Charlie said that while Saturday was a very good day with over 500 keepers being taken, Sunday's total was nearly double with the best fishing on the last of the Ebb at the lighthouse. Many big fish were taken here. Ed Fitzgerald of Bay Shore copped the pool with a 2.9 pound flattie. Charlie added that at least a dozen fish in the 2 pound range were taken during the day. The balance of the catch averaged between 1 and 1¼ pounds. Hi-hook for the day was Alberto Huasupoma of Elmhurst with 39 fish including a 4 bagger of which all were keepers. Nick Servello had 25 flounder and 2 blackfish. Charlie said that some blackfish, blowfish and sea bass are mixed with the flatties each day. A reminder, too, that the boat is sailing for weakfish at 5PM daily. Action has been slow with just a couple of fish taken on Saturday.

Aboard the Captree open boat **Jib VI**, Capt. Carl Passero said that flounder fishing continues "super" with catches ranging between 10 and 30 fish per man on half day trips. Fishing is 5 minutes from the dock at the lighthouse and along south beach and many of the fish range between 1 and 2 pounds. Carl reminded that he is running half day trips on a daily

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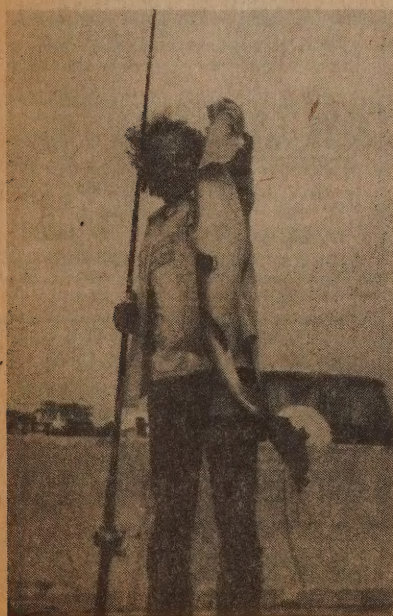
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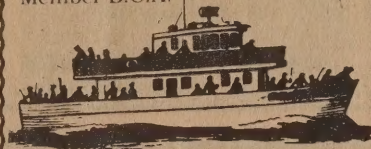
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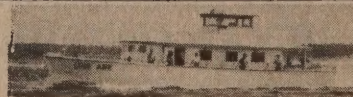
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Capt. Ed Laske of the **Captree** charter boat **Dixie** filed a similar report of excellent flounder fishing. He said that catches on Saturday for the Ed Morgan party averaged 20 per man. Sunday was a slaughter with a the Mark Valentine group enjoying individual scores upwards of 50 flatties apiece.

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin said that flounder fishing continues to pre-dominate with excellent fishing still the rule in Dickerson Channel and in the State Channel at the Lindenhurst Cut. Weakfishing was another story, however, as evidenced by the results of the Babylon Tuna Club's annual weakfish contest which covered both Saturday and Sunday. Of the 8 prize winning categories only 7 were filled by competing members. First place went to Tom Pegy with a 12.2 pounder. Sandra Barbaro had a 10.2 to nail down second place and Al Kaich wrapped up third with a 9.11 pounder. Fred did note that some decent catches were made during the week but, weekend boat traffic apparently put the fish off their feed. Al Lorenzetti settled for a 4½ pound blackfish which grabbed a jellyworm meant for a weakfish in West Channel. Fred also noted that fluke are rapidly entering the picture as one private boat culled 12 keepers out of many shorts in the State Channel on Saturday.

The **Babylon** open boat **Miss Babylon** reported they too have been cashing in on the excellent flounder fishing. The boat has been concentrating its efforts in the State Channel near the Lindenhurst Cut and has been doing very well with the flatties. A few blowfish and fluke mixing in with the flounder as well.

Capt. Ray Mettuno of the **Babylon** charter boat **Cindy Ann II** called to report a catch of 36 cod up to 37 pounds taken on an offshore wreck for a party headed by Albert's Pizza of Copiague. On Saturday, Charles Robb and son accounted for 70 flatties at the Lindenhurst Cut.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani told of looking over a catch of 35 flounder to 2 pounds on Thursday for John and Rich Obedzinski. Joe Gibbons checked in the only weakfish over the weekend. He used sandworms to take a trio of weaks weighing 10, 5 and 5 pounds on Saturday. Burt Lancaster and Russ Snider fished 6 pound class tackle and put it to work under the Captree draw bridge. There, they managed to hold on to 12 blackfish up to 5 pounds. Fluke are making their presence known with one customer taking a 3 pounder on Sunday and reports of numerous short fluke being told.

Flounder holding up just fine with lots of the flatties being taken in the Fox Creek area and also in the Fire Island Lighthouse area. Joe Garjulla fished the former spot on Saturday and had 60 nice sized fish along with 7

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blackfish in the 2-3 pound range. Local youngsters continue to take the flatties from the shore at Tanner Park. Although no one else seemed to do much with weaks on the weekend, Al Smith of the Squaw Island Fishing Club must have found the right combination. Al put away two fish on Friday, four on Saturday to 10 pounds and 3 more on Sunday to 11 pounds. For freshwater fans, there has been some very good carp fishing in local ponds. Hot bait according to a pair of regulars, George and Albert, has been bagels. The pair have taken numerous carp up to 14 pounds. The bagels need not be fresh.

From Edelman's in Farmingdale Frank said that there have been some weaks taken at West Channel and Ocean Beach though weekend fishing was very poor. Carmine Dandonaruma did manage a 10 1/2 pound weak Sunday afternoon on a red jellworm. Fluke are now in the bridge area and one customer took one in West Channel along with a 3 pound blackfish. Best bet for flounder this week should be the Sore Thumb as large numbers of flatties seem to be dropping down out of the bay.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

With what appears to be true spring finally settling in, the area's fishing is very healthy and active. Flounder continue strong as mackerel have moved out of the area. Blackfishing is just short of great, while fluke are beginning to make a showing, though many fish are now shorts. On a note of hope, blowfish are being taken by almost every boat bottom fishing in the bays and channels.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From Pop's Fishing Station in Seaford, John spoke of a tremendous week's fishing. His rental skiffs averaged 40 keeper flounder per boat with signs of fluke, tommy cod and blackfish. The Huntington Sinker Bouncers took out a couple of skiffs and averaged roughly 100 keeper flounder per boat. Best areas have been the east sides of the Wantagh bridges to 4 Corners, and Massapequa Cove which has had plenty but smaller fish. Several 3 lbs were weighed in during the week with fish averaging 1 to 1 1/2 lbs. Both tides produced with two hours on either side of the low best.

At **Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station**, most of the rentals brought back anywhere from 40 to 60 fish with flounder up to 3 lbs. working 4 Corner, Squaw and Massapequa Cove. Some large blowfish were also caught. Two hundred flounder up to 3½ lbs. was the body count for Bob Rossi and Ted Neos working Squaw with worms and a lot of chum. Good blackfishing at the bridges, some fluke are being caught but most are taken and some kingfish are being taken.

Captain Brian of the open boat **Chinco III** tells of super flounder fishing this week with the only so-so day being Saturday and even then catches ran into the 20s. Sunday's catches ran well into the 30s per man. These are on the half day trips. Weekdays the full day trips saw catches in the 40s. Larger fish are coming off the flats now and pools are going 2 lbs. plus every day. The best fishing of the season is still to come as some of the late May hotspots are just starting to warm up. Mussels have been the preferred bait and both tides are working.

At **Wanser's** we've learned of many good flounder catches right through Sunday with heavy chumming a key factor. Hot areas have been Squaw, the Cove and the mouth of Zachs Bay for flatties. Blackfishing good at the bridges on fiddlers, greens and clam, while a few weaks have been taken on bottom fished whole sand worms at the bridges.

From **Merrick Tackle in Bellmore**, Scott advised his customers have been having good flounder catches in the Merrick Bay area. Some small fluke have also been taken and returned to the water and there are some blowfish mixed in with the flounder.

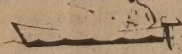
Swinging over to **Freeport** we learned from Capt. Rich Kessinger of the **Starstream II** that he is now fishing for sea bass, blacks and ling. Catches have been ranging from 15 to 30 mixed fish per trip to local wrecks. Action has been within one hour from the dock. Sea bass are going up to three pounds, blacks to seven pounds and ling to 5 lbs.

From the charter boat **Corsair** we learned of Saturday's flounder trip for Slide Systems Inc. which saw good results in Reynolds, Swift Creek and Fundy Bay, fish up to 1½ lbs. There were lots of throwbacks as well, 2 short fluke and a couple of blowfish. Sunday's trip for the Anthony Tripani party of Brooklyn fished an ocean wreck, finding lots of bergalls and blowfish on the T wreck. The boat also worked the artificial reef, the steel wreck and Cholera, finding some sea bass, blacks and ling cod.

Captain Pat of the **Lady J III** told of good flounder during the week working Squaw Island and the Wantagh area for fish up to 2½ lbs., but averaging 3/4 to 1½. Early in the week a trip for N.Y. Telephone hoisted flatties, while Saturday the trip was for Old Forge Tavern of Bay-

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side and Sunday for Forest Valley Tavern of Locust Valley. Worm worked best and a few fluke and blowfish were taken on each trip.

From the **Capt. Lou Fleet** the report was of very good floundering also. On the full day boat Monday had Bob Ferret of Levittown with 31 flounder, Joe Brala with 42 and Dr. Stan Werreck of Roslyn with 78 flounder to 2½ lbs. Thursday and Friday high hooks were in the 40s. The weekend's fish were on the large side, with Len and Daror Dingfelder sharing honors with 79 flatties. The **CL V** fishing its half day schedule is also doing quite well.

We learn from the charter boat **Captain Gary** of Sunday's trip for Fish and Brew Fishing Club of Freeport which had good floundering in Reynolds and in the area of the Atlantic Beach bridge. The pool went to Sue Carmen with a 2½ lb. flounder and a 16 inch fluke. A high hook was 22 fish for Frank Goesfert. Pat Skinner hoisted her first double-header of flounder. Gary invites you all to come and see his new boat which sails from the Poop Deck Dock.

Fishing has been from slow to excellent said **Capt. Al Lindroth** of the **Capt. Al** depending on the day and conditions. The boat is presently working black, sea bass and ling over wrecks and the fish seem to be biting well with the tide. Please note that the **Capt. Al** is now starting in addition to the regular 6:30AM trip, special flounder trips sailing 5PM Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

From the **Capt. Andy Fleet** also came good news on flounder action which was good all week except for Friday, fishing local waters. Pools are over 2 lbs. everyday and Sunday's pool fish was close to 3 lbs. Lots of throwbacks also. Good fishermen are catching in the high teens to low 20s, keeper fish on the half day boat while the full day boat is seeing hard working fishermen bagging up with 40 plus good keepers per trip. Anywhere from 6 to a dozen blowfish are also being hoisted per trip.

From Skipper **Sy Carlin** of the **Blue Fin Fleet** we learned of Friday's trip for the NYCPD with a 4 lb. pool fluke for Mike Mora of West Nyack. A 2 lb. fluke was landed by Gene Piztsky of Island park and a 2 lb blackfish by Brooklyn Angler Frank Chiminti. The weekend was good also. Saturday's trip on the **BF II** worked open bottom to the tune of roughly 300 blackfish including a 10½ lb for Great Neck angler Tom Felice. Freddy Ceron only had an 8 lb. Poor Freddy. Mike Hank was high hook with 30 blacks. On the **BF III** good flounder catches were had in Reynolds. High hook was Ed Goodwin with 25. John Szewczyk took the pool with a 1¾ lb. flattie. Sunday saw the **BF II** with just one drop in Merrick Bay for the day for a slaughter of nearly 250 flounder and no throwbacks. Most fish were in the 1 lb class. On the **BF III** Sunday Bob Powell of Baldwin took the pool with a 2 lb. flounder.

According to the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** the **Super Spray II** had a lot of fluke this week working Jones Inlet and Reynolds Channel, but with a 30 to 40 percent keeper ratio. Fish bit equally well on both tides. The charter boats in the association have been loading up on local flounder anywhere from 1/2 to 3/4 lbs. average and also on blackfish at the ocean wrecks.

Over at **Nick's Fishing Station in Merrick** Jimmy told of flounder being caught at Merrick Point and in Broad Creek with some fluke mixed in, though you had to be selective on the keepers. Joe and Steve Gecsedí of Glendale culled out 10 keepers with one going 4 lbs. even.

In nearby Pt. Lookout, the charter boat **Marie III** had Engine 52 of the NYCFD do very well on flounder in Reynolds, at the big M and in Swift Creek. Many 1 to 2 lb. flounder were caught and the pool fish was caught by Greg Owens, age 15 and Mike Verrone. A 5 lb. blackfish was the reward for Fred Vresswell. Monday's flounder trip for American Air Lines had a fair pick on flounder in Reynolds on worm and clam while Thursday's trip for the Falcone family had a good pick in front of LI Sea Clam, Big M and the western end of Reynolds. Flounder ran generally from 1 to 2 lbs. Saturday's trip for the Kearney family had good fluke action in the AM, but lots of shorts, with enough keepers mixed in to make it interesting. The pool fish was caught by 7-year-old Brian Kearney, a 4½ lb. Also taken were sea bass to 2 lbs. and blackfish at the Big M and some Reynolds flounder. Sunday's charter for the Blackman Plumbing Company enjoyed good floundering in Reynolds and Garretts Lead in the Am and a slow pick on fluke in the PM. The bigger flounder of the week wanted clam.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** weighed in a 4 lb. fluke Friday for one customer who also had 12 other keeper fluke. On Saturday he weighed in a 3 lb. fluke for Charlie Vaccheorelli, who caught his fish drifting in Reynolds with squid strip. Excellent blackfishing at the Meadowbrook t the tune of 20 to 60 blacks per boat in the 6 lb. range with fish hitting all through the tide on fiddlers and green crab. Flounder are still a good item in the channel and Middle Bay on worms. A few blowfish are being caught. The station's flounder contest is presently being led by Tony Peteskawitz with a 3½ lb. flounder.

From **Ed's Fishing Station** we are told that the fluke are here. Tom Pellegrino and dad Anthony on their boat Freedom I decked 20 fluke to 3½ lbs. drifting at the mouth of Reynolds and Sloop Channel. These were all keepers and they fell for sand eels, spearing and flounder belly. Jumbo catch of the week was 140 flounder taken by regular sharpshooters Ed, Bruno and Andy of NJ. This was Wednesday on mussel, clam and worm on both sides of the flats. A

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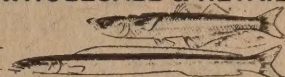
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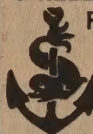


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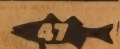
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13½ lb. weakfish was the reward for Steve Skullestad and Gary Miles, fishing buoy 12 at Ocean Beach using grape jelly worms. Blackfishing continues excellent at the M bridge, fish averaging 3 to 4 lbs. and a lot of them, on fiddlers and green crab.

A call from the 2 trip a day **Capt. Bill** told of Wed. catch of 35 flounder for Don Barghel of Floral Park with an another 18 for Bob Volkmer of Long Beach. On Thursday Spencer Thomas of Freeport hoisted 25 and Friday, regular Roland managed 30 flounder which he took home to Port Washington. Adrienne Warg of East Norwich gathered 20 and Frank Rizzo had a 3½ lb. pool fish. On Saturday the pool went to Rich Podber of Cedarhurst with a 3¾ lb. flounder which was weighed in at Ed's Fishing Station. On Sunday a 3 lber was hoisted by John VonGerichten of Franklin Square, also weighed in at Ed's Fishing Station. All fish are being taken in local waters, namely Reynolds and Swift Creek. Bill said quite a few 2 lbers are being caught along with a good scattering of blowfish and some blackfish. Good action all week on both AM and PM trips said the skipper.

Captain Walt Specht of the two two trip a day **Miss Point Lookout** called the floundering this week anywhere from fair to excellent, depending on the day and conditions. The flood tide at the Coast Guard and Swift Creek was especially good and the ebb in Reynolds was also hot. On Tuesday AM Jim Simson of Westbury was high hook with 27. Friday AM Eric Olsen of Westbury smiled with 20 fish while Jim Thompson of New Hyde Park had 26. Bill Keenen of Ozone Park was high hook with 31. On Saturday's AM trip, 31 keeper flounder went to Nick Lesaov while Tom McGovern took the pool with a 3 lber. Roughly 30 fluke were taken through Sunday about half of which were legal. The boat will be starting to fluke on both trips on a full time basis Saturday.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** told of Pete Orlando and buddy from Malverne on their boat Daddy O fishing Reynolds Sunday at buoy 17-19 ending up with 13 keeper fluke to 4 lbs. and many shorts which were returned. Joel Beller of Long Beach on his boat Halycon On Sunday fished buoy 4 at East Rockaway Inlet which he said was paved with blackfish to 8 lbs. which responded well to green crabs. Flounder have been plentiful with a 70 percent throwback ratio.

From the **Commodore**, Capt. Clem said flounder fishing was still good with a lot of big fish being caught now. The area around the bridge is producing well for blacks and flounder and Reynolds is producing a lot of flatfish in some of his pet spots. The old oyster beds and the creeks are also holding big flounder. Pools each day are in the 2½ lb. class on flounder and there have been nice catches all week. Worm and clam are working

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Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat Kim tells it all ...he's been spending lots of nights hunting cow bass with nary a hit through Sunday night. Ron says the water temperature is in the high 40s due to the strong northwest winds of May and with no bait in the water, the big bass are chowing down elsewhere.

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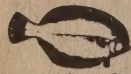
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From Skippy's Tackle in East Rockaway came word that flounder catches are still very good in Reynold channels on worm, clam and mussel assisted by lots of chum. Blackfishing remains good at bridges and jetties, while fluke of various sizes, with a lot of them small are making a showing.

From the shores of Jamaica Bay Cross Bay Bait and Tackle told of Saturday's catch by Anibal Figueroa of Ozone Park of a 6 lb. blackfish plus 20 others averaging a pound off the South Channel bridge on fiddlers and clam. Vinnie Visullo also had a 6 lb. black on incoming fishing the north channel bridge on clam. Plenty of blackfish on fiddlers and clam bait off both bridges. Lots of flounder, same spots but fish smaller than last week.

Over in Sheepshead Bay Wee Willie says the picture is generally made up of good catches of blackfish and flounder at the Lump. Also, more blackfish being taken at the Rockaway mussel beds and more flounder are being taken in the Sandy Hook area, Jamaica Bay and off the Sheepshead Bay piers. Mackerel fishing has been slow in the Sound and the Pilot II has been enjoying good blackfishing off Sea bright.

From the open boat Zephyr, Capt. Butch has been having some excellent flattie catches all week which he feels should continue through the Memorial Day weekend. Fares are averaging 15 to 45 keepers a man. On Sunday most fares had a couple of 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 lb. fish and quite a few in the 1-1 1/2 lb. range. A few keeper fluke were hoisted and also a solitary blowfish. Butch said the whole week was very good, fishing the Cedars and Jerrys

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On the other side of the bridge in Staten Island Kevin at **Santos Sport Shop** told of good flounder action at Great Kills, Annandale and Princess Bay with boat fishermen doing much better than surfcasters. Chumming is a must and fish are going to 1½ lbs. The area off the old Home dock has been best all week. Blackfishing has been excellent at any of the light-houses. Jim Leotta on his boat Over-time loaded up Thursday morning with blackfish from 4 to 5 lbs. on fiddlers. A couple bass have been taken at Great Kills on worms and a few cocktail blues have been heard of

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Captain Joe Mattioli of the charter boat **Fishfinder** told of Saturday's trip which worked for flounder in the AM at Princess Bay, scoring with a 40 percent keeper ratio and blackfish in the PM with fish 2 to 7 lbs. on local rock piles. Both the flounder and blacks caught on mussel and clam bait.



North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Reasonable spring weather brought a mixed bag in most areas with blackfish leading the pack to the west and flounder still highlighting the East End scene. Porgies and the first few bluefish have already made an appearance as well. Weakfish action is usually a nighttime proposition with a few large fish reported.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in New Rochelle mentioned some nice flounder taken by private boats off Prospect, Matinecock, and Sands Point. For the area fish were quite large, up to 1 1/2 lbs. A blackfish "blitz" was in evidence off Matinecock Point with fish up to 9 lbs.



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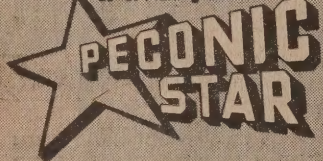


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George Valentine at **4 Winds** in Huntington told us that Eatons was really good for tautog with many fish in the 6 lb. class in 12-15 feet of water; anglers could fish both sides of the tide. Marshall Field and Callahans were also worth fishing. Larger flounder were in close and a few bass to 6 lbs. were weighed, including Tome Pannino's 26 inch taken from the Lilco area on a Trifin Whiptail. Some bass in the 5 to 10 lb. class were taken occasionally off Cold Spring Harbor and Center Island by trolling and drifting worms. **Huntington Prop** spoke of some big flounder off Eatons with Diamond Point popular for both flatties and tautog.

Billy Collins of the **Ever Ready** had a lot of nice blackfish over the Friday to Sunday period with the average fish between 2 to 5 lbs. and a few to 8½ or more. Fiddler crabs scored well as bait by Sunday with high hook catches to 30 fish. The boat was fishing the mussel beds off Eatons in 20 to 25 feet of water.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport saw a lot of small bass along the beaches with almost no keepers. Those who fished sand-worms off the beach around Eaton's had a mix of blackfish and flounder. The first bluefish of the season, a 6 lber., came from the Lilco discharge.

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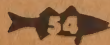
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DAY	SANDY HOOK		BREAKWATER HARBOR		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THURS.	3:40	4:20	4:35	5:10	4:25	5:10	5:40	6:20	8:10	8:35	7:20	7:45	3:50	4:20	5/24
FRI.	4:35	5:10	5:30	6:00	5:20	5:55	6:30	7:00	9:00	9:20	8:10	8:30	4:40	5:05	5/25
SAT.	5:30	6:00	6:20	6:45	6:15	6:40	7:15	7:35	9:45	9:55	9:00	9:10	5:30	5:50	5/26
SUN.	6:20	6:40	7:00	7:25	7:00	7:20	8:00	8:10	10:25	10:20	9:45	10:00	6:10	6:35	5/27
MON.	7:05	7:20	7:50	8:05	7:40	7:55	8:45	8:50	10:55	10:40	10:25	10:40	6:55	7:15	5/28
TUES.	7:45	8:00	8:30	8:45	8:20	8:35	9:15	9:25	10:20	11:10	11:00	11:20	7:40	7:55	5/29
WED.	8:25	8:40	9:10	9:25	9:00	9:10	9:55	10:00	11:45	11:45	11:50	12:00	8:20	8:40	5/30
THURS.	9:05	9:15	9:55	10:10	9:40	9:50	10:40	10:45	12:25	12:30	12:35	12:40	9:05	9:20	5/31

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	-0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	-0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	-0 02
Rehobeth Beach	-0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00

Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Island	-0 12
Sachem Head	-0 10
Brantford Harbor	-0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	-0 08
Milford Harbor	-0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelfton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	-0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	-0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point, north side	-1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	-0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	-0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10

Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
Dauids Island	-0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	-0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spyten Duynil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	-1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/24	5:31	8:22
FRI. 5/25	5:31	8:23
SAT. 5/26	5:30	8:24
SUN. 5/27	5:30	8:25
MON. 5/28	5:29	8:26
TUE. 5/29	5:28	8:27
WED. 5/30	5:28	8:28

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/24	2:50AM	2:16PM
FRI. 5/25	3:12AM	3:15PM
SAT. 5/26	3:33AM	4:15PM
SUN. 5/27	3:55AM	5:17PM
MON. 5/28	4:20AM	6:21PM
TUE. 5/29	4:47AM	7:28PM
WED. 5/30	5:21AM	8:35PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
			
5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:15	7:15	1:25	7:35
Fri.	1:50	7:55	2:05	8:15
Sat.	2:30	8:30	2:40	8:50
Sun.	3:05	9:05	3:15	9:30
Mon.	3:45	9:50	4:00	10:10
Tues.	4:25	10:30	4:40	10:55
Wed.	5:10	11:15	5:25	11:45
Thurs.	6:00	-	6:25	12:10

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Tim Carafitis at the **Carafitis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson thought the larger schools of mackerel were further east although catches to 20 per person were possible off buoy 11. Blackfish catches to 8 per boat in the 5 to 8 lb. class were mentioned off Oldfield and Cranes with flounder east of Oldfield Light and off the Pink House in 15 feet of water. Mid-Sound temperatures apparently plummeted to 49 after steady northwesterlies early last week.

Stan at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** told us that superior blackfishing began on Monday off the Shoreham pipe. Herb Eicholtz had a box full of tautog to 10½ lbs. Cedar Beach was good for mackerel in the mornings with 6 to 7 fish per angler the norm. Flounder action still good off Baiting Hollow.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in Mt. Sinai saw a lot of blackfish taken by surfcasters off Cedar Beach. The biggest tautog he's seen so far was a 13½ pounder taken by Bill Speidel. That giant was taken while jigging for mackerel! Shallow areas around Mt. Misery Shoal and Miller Place were also good.

NORTH FORK

The **Riverhead Sportsmen's** Peconic Weakfish Tourney gave a good overview of weakfish action in the Peconics with 172 entries producing some 60 weigh-ins on opening night. Most of the 23 prize winners were taken by anglers who drifted sandworms in the evening hours. There were many tiderunners in the 10-11 lb. bracket and the top entry was Ray Thilberg's 13-12 giant. The smallest along the winners weighed 9.11. Most entries were made on Friday night with the weekend quite slow.

Warren's in Aquebogue noted that there were already fluke around the Canal and that porgies were making a showing in the South Race and at Roses Grove. Weakfish results were 2 or 3 fish per night per boat on Saturday night with a fish here and there for the daytime fleet. Al Benjamin weighed a 13½ pounder at the shop and Didier Rachov posted an 8¾.

Captain Marty's in Aquebogue was excited about the beginning of the porgy run. Sal Loria said that some 2¼ and 2½ lb. scup had been taken between Nassau Point and the sand-slide. The South Race close to Cow Neck was also producing. The best weak among the few taken over the weekend went 12 lbs. even. Lee Caldwell had one of the best bags of the week with some 70 porgies to 2 lbs., 2 blackfish to 6, a 5 lb. weak and a 3 lb. seabass from buoy 26.

Charlie Carafitis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** told us that tautog made a good showing Saturday with some seabass as well. One boat had 15 seabass with one 3 lber from

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Coopers and the pipe along with 9 nice blackfish. Best tautog of the week wnet 9 lbs. Although there were 24 fish to 3 lbs. in one Friday catch of flounder near the Beachcomber, the Saturday fish were much smaller in size. The first porgies were duly noted as well.

Ace Cottrel at the **Port of Egypt** suggested the area south of buoy 18 for early porgie. He told us that there were no weakfish to be taken on day-time incoming water with virtually all the fish in the spotty run found on the last two hours of outgoing and dead low. Pettys Bight and the traps off Orient were picky for smaller flounder with some larger fish to 1 1/2 lbs. off Rams Head and Orient State Park.

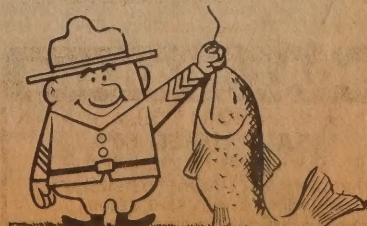
Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** told us that the **Brand X** had pulled 20 weeks for 6 fares on Saturday night and that he'd seen a 13 lb.

weak plus an 8 lb fluke taken off the Greenlawns by Bill Golder. George Porter called in a good story on big porgies. A number of flounder in the 3 lb. class had been weighed from the Gardiners Island area and Truman's also was producing flatties.

The **Prime Time II** was busy over the weekend working the bar inside the Ruins where flatties averaged 1 1/2 lbs. Larry Cicotto had one good hour on the bar Saturday AM and two good hours on the Sunday tide. Clark Bellows got into a brief blast of flounder off Tobaccotol on Thursday and Friday with some very big fish. Friday's numbers were low but the pool winning fish was a 20 inch, 3-12 snowshoe and there were two other 3 lbs. aboard.

Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** was doing a lot of travelling for a pick of flounder off Gardiners and mana-

ged to get a "comfortable" day in Sunday with a few fish on the flood as well as the ebb. There were a lot of blackfish to 6 lbs. on Sunday, too. Dave reminds us that one really has to think of these big flounder like one does of fluke. Bag numbers are small where you find the snowshoes, but it only takes a few of the 2-3 lb. giants to satisfy. An outstanding high hook catch on Sunday was Larry Holley's 16 fish, which was quite exceptiona.



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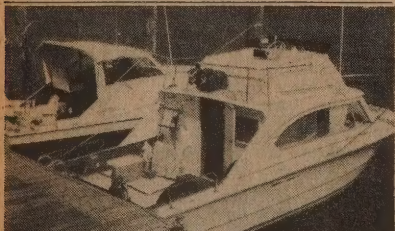
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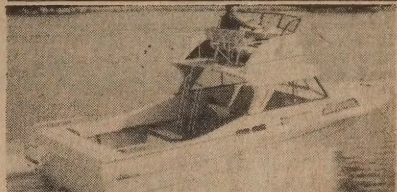
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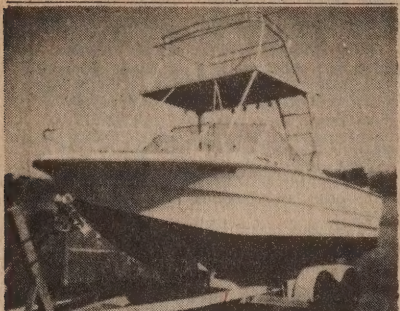
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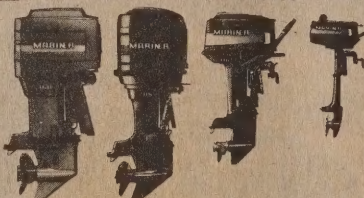
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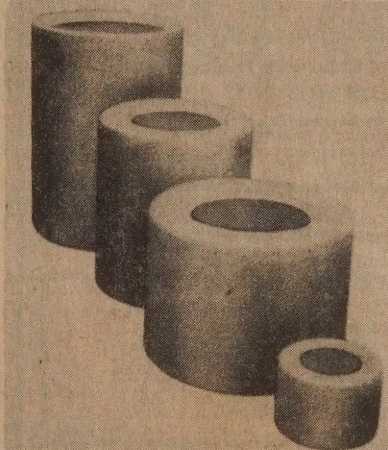
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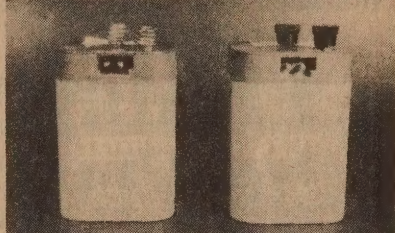
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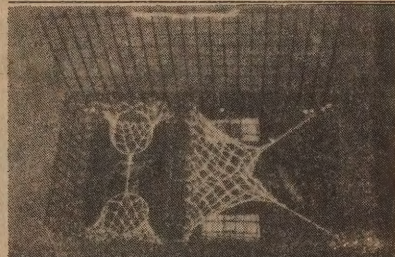
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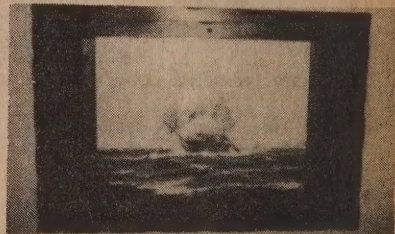
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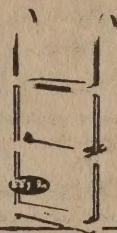


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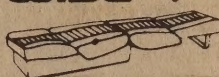
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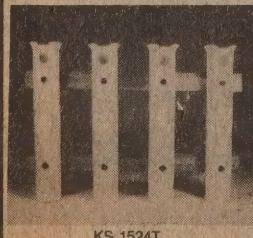
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